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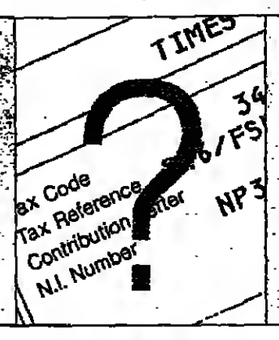

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Get your act together, says Rifkind

Rift with US over refusal to send troops

By Ian Brodie, Nicholas Wood and Our Foreign Staff

THE war in Bosnia threatened to cause another rift between Britain and America yesterday, when Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, irritably pressed Washington to send troops to join the peacekeeping forces there.

The outlook for transatlantic relations became even bleaker when it emerged later that America's reluctance might be the shape of its future policy. A National Security Council proposal to the White House envisages a reversal of President Clinton's campaign promises to commit troops to United Nations peacekeeping operations.

Mr Rifkind's irritation came just a week before John Major flies to Washington for his first meeting with Mr Clinton in a year. The talks are already clouded by the dispute over the visa for Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, past disagreements over Bosnia, and the role of Conservative Central Office in assisting George Bush's presidential campaign.

The Defence Secretary said in a BBC radio interview that America was one of the countries that should "get their act together" and respond to the urgent request for 3,000 extra troops. He said that France had 6,000 men on the ground and Russia had to send 400 soldiers to Sarajevo. He added: "The US only has 15 people in the whole of Bosnia. We have 2,500. Where should the main burden therefore rest if new soldiers are required?"

The rift was especially worrying as Russia intensified efforts to prevent Nato air strikes against Bosnian Serbs unless they pull back heavy weapons from Sarajevo, or surrender them to UN control, by midnight tomorrow.

Although the threat of Nato raids seemed to diminish on Thursday, when Moscow said it had persuaded the Serbs to move the arms, there were few independent sightings yesterday of any large-scale withdrawal. There were also fears that those arms will be turned on Muslims elsewhere.

Vitali Churkin, Russia's senior negotiator, issued a strong warning to Nato to forget its ultimatum and said air strikes would lead to "all-out war". President Yeltsin has written to Mr Major and the leaders of America, Germany, France and Italy, warning that air strikes could destabilise Europe.

Downing Street sought to limit the diplomatic fallout by saying it was a matter for Washington whether it sent troops. It added that American aircraft were on standby to enforce the UN ultimatum and that US pilots had played their part in air drops of food and medicines.

In America, the Administration's long-term reluctance to commit troops to peacekeeping was revealed in a draft proposal in Washington yesterday. The "Presidential Decision Directive 13" says peacekeeping operations "are not a centrepiece of US foreign policy". The Administration foresees "few peace enforcement missions" and "infrequent involvement of US combat units". Contrary to earlier suggestions, the proposals say presidential control over US forces is never relinquished "down to the lowest commander in the field".

The new directive is not intended to affect America's promise to send troops if a truce is signed. The Administration and Congress are prepared to honour this commitment because the force will be under an American commander.

Around Sarajevo yesterday, there seemed little evidence to back enthusiastic UN reports of convoys of Serbian heavy artillery on the move, though the lack of action may have been affected by heavy snow.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, said yesterday that his heavy weaponry would be out of the Sarajevo area or under UN control by midnight tonight.

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How CNN shed light for White House in the dark

Perry: failed to pass on news of Russian moves

WHITE HOUSE officials were in the embarrassing position yesterday of learning about Russia's initiative in Bosnia from watching CNN television. And the Pentagon had to admit that its Defence Secretary-designate was told by his Russian counterpart but did not pass the news to the White House.

On Thursday morning Pavel Grachev, the Russian Defence Minister, told William Perry of the possibility of sending a contingent of Russian peacekeeping troops to Sarajevo. He also said Vitali Churkin, Russia's special envoy in Bosnia, was negotiating the idea with the Serbs. Neither signal got to President Clinton or the US mission at the United Nations.

As questions were raised yesterday over why the Americans were caught unawares, it became apparent that communication among departments in the Clinton Administration is sorely lacking, even on an issue as vital as the imminent prospect of Nato bombing raids.

Though John Major says he got to know of the plan on his visit to Russia last weekend he did not apparently make public what he knew of President Yeltsin's initiative, respecting his host's wish that the overtures to the Serbs should remain confidential.

However, Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, sent a written message to Warren Christopher, Secretary of State, on Wednesday night after returning to London with Mr Major. The message did not go into details, saying only that he was confident the Russians would be taking a higher profile. Just how high had to await Mr Churkin's announcement at Pale, Bosnian Serb headquarters. Equally, Russian officials, still smarting over Nato issuing its ultimatum without co-ordinating with Moscow, did not put all their cards on the table at any one time with Washington.

Unable to conceal their surprise at the suddenness of the Russian move, the Americans proved miserly in their praise of it.

As one White House official put it: "We know better than to get too hyped up by anything anybody says in this war. The proof is what happens on the ground on Sunday."

Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean in practice yesterday for the Winter Olympics ice dance competition in Lillehammer, Norway. Pages 11, 46, 48

Passport check ordered on the homeless

By Ian Murray

THE homeless are to face passport checks by local authorities. Guidelines issued by the Department of the Environment advise councils that they must ensure that applicants are not illegal immigrants before offering them a home.

The guidelines, which came under immediate attack from local authorities and racial equality organisations for opening the way to "blatant discrimination", are included in a letter to English housing authorities from Stephen Town, head of the department's homelessness policy division. The letter says that it is the authorities' responsibility to make sure that every applicant has the right to stay in the country.

Even if leave to remain in Britain has been granted, the authority has to find out whether an individual has any right to public funds.

The department says the guidelines are intended to help local authorities weed out those who have no permanent right to stay in Britain, and so reduce the pressure on housing lists. Illegal immigrants and those whose case has yet to be decided by the Home Office are not supposed to be offered council housing.

Concern about the guidelines was voiced last night by the three local authority organisations who will have to implement them: the Association of London Authorities, the Association of District Councils and the Association of Metropolitan Authorities. They were joined by the London Housing Unit, which campaigns for the homeless, the Commission for Racial Equality and the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants.

In a joint statement, the groups said the department had ignored warnings that the changes would lead to discrimination in assessing applications. The statement said the guidelines undermined the principle of equal access "according to need" and required local authorities to take on responsibilities of the central government.

The local authorities argue that they are being asked to carry on their new duties with no chance to train officers to make enquiries and have been given no extra cash to do the work. "This will be highly divisive, and we are extremely worried about the discriminatory nature of what we are being asked to do," a London authority spokesman said.

☐ In a test case yesterday, the High Court ruled that Tower Hamlets in east London had acted unlawfully in putting homeless families into private accommodation in another borough. Judge Carnwarth said that the council had saved £655,000 a year since July 1992 in this way, but had failed to ensure that the homeless were offered rents they could afford. Tower Hamlets said it will appeal.

Writers rise to save moor

TED Hughes, the poet laureate, and authors Dame Iris Murdoch and Joanna Trollope were among literary figures who have rallied to protect the Brontë moorlands.

A letter to *The Times Literary Supplement*, with more than 60 signatories, describes the spread of wind farms around Haworth as an "assault", stripping the moorlands of their romantic wildness .....Page 3

Upbeat Major

The Prime Minister went to Labour strongholds in Scotland yesterday to champion his economic strategy. John Major told businessmen and party activists that the recovery was strong enough for Britain to compete effectively in world markets. He also launched an assault on Labour's European policies .....Page 2

Suspect held over killings on yacht

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

POLICE investigating the murder of two Britons and two Americans aboard their yacht in the Caribbean yesterday arrested a man and recovered items from the vessel buried on a beach. Three other suspects are being sought.

Sources in London confirmed the arrest of the man, believed to be from the island of Barbuda, where the yacht was moored. Local reports named him as Mel Harris.

Police from Antigua, assisted by two Scotland Yard officers who were working there, began a murder hunt three weeks ago after the *Computacentre Challenger* was found. On board were the bound bodies of Britons Ian Cridland, 35, the skipper, Thomas Williams, 22, his crewman, and William and Kathleen Clever from California. They had all been shot.

Det Sgt Jim Gallagher, one of the British officers, confirmed to Antiguan reporters that personal items belonging to the victims had been found. According to one local newspaper, the arrested Barbudan led officers to a site where a purse, travellers' cheques and personal papers were found buried.

Police are said to have linked cigars found in a canoe on Barbuda to others on the 65ft ketch which was discovered in Low Bay, Barbuda, by another yachtsman.

Mr Clever, 58, and his 52-year old wife, who had managed a private Channel island for Peter Ogden, Computacentre's chairman, had been on the yacht for a week at his expense.

The firm is a London-based computer dealership.

Police are as yet unable to say if the murders are being linked to robbery or are part of the violent Caribbean drug-trafficking world.

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Fans protest at everyday tragedy of country folk

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

Derrington: played the unlucky Mark Hebden

MILLIONS of listeners to *The Archers* last night learnt what had long been rumoured — that Mark Hebden, one of the unluckiest figures in broadcast fiction, had been killed in a car crash.

Fans of Britain's longest-running drama serial on BBC Radio 4 face an anxious wait over the weekend to find out the fate of Caroline Bone (played by Sara Coward), who was seriously injured in the accident.

The death of Mark (played by Richard Derrington) was greeted with dismay and indignation. A BBC spokesman said several listeners had telephoned to suggest other characters whom they would rather have heard killed off. Peter Tewkesbury, 54, an electronics engineer from Horsham, West Sussex, and a listener since the first episode in 1951, said: "In material terms, Mark was one of the most successful characters. They always seem to end up keeping on the characters who are failures."

The crash episode, recorded five weeks ago, follows a genuine accident in which Vanessa Whitburn, the programme's editor, was seriously injured. Speaking from her hospital bed yesterday, she said: "I'm often struck by how frequently art holds a mirror to life".

Mark's sensational departure opens up the possibility that his widow, Shula (played by Judy Bennett), might become a single mother. The couple, who are childless, have recently attended a fertility clinic. Mark, 38, had several difficult affairs before marrying Shula in 1985. After a series of professional setbacks — he even considered giving up the law to become a blacksmith — he set up his own solicitor's practice in 1991. A political career ended when he resigned his seat as an SDP district councillor in 1986.

His is the latest in a series of violent deaths on *The Archers*. The most famous was in 1955, when Grace Archer died in a stable fire. The episode, broadcast on the eve of the launch of ITV, gripped the nation for days and provoked accusations that the BBC was trying to steal the thunder of its new rival.

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Major warns against 'job destroying' Europe

■ The Prime Minister went into the lion's *den to attack Labour's European policy and* defend the Tories' economic strategy

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

THE Prime Minister set the tone for what is certain to be a ferocious European election campaign yesterday with a defence of his economic policies and an assault on his political opponents' support for a centralised Europe.

Mr Major spoke confidently about the economic recovery and underlined the need for competitive business unfettered by European legislation for a minimum wage and the Social Chapter.

He went to the heart of Labour's strongholds, addressing hundreds of senior businessmen and Tory members in Edinburgh and Glasgow, two cities in which the Government's electoral fortunes have foundered.

Throughout a day of visits to companies and party activists, Mr Major insisted that the

Major: insists recovery is well under way

economic recovery was now strong enough for British industry and commerce to thrive in the world's export markets.

He warned, however, that competitiveness was the key to continued industrial growth and the subsequent improvement in Britain's health, education and culture. In a speech to 800 guests in Glasgow last night, Mr Major said: "The greatest economic challenge we face today is for British businesses to win, and it is vital they do for only if British business wins can we meet our ambitions."

He said that enterprise had been rediscovered. "It has been rediscovered in the surge of new companies — 25,000 of them — which have been set up here since 1979 and in the renewed vigour of liberated and modernised industries."

Turning his sights to June's European elections, Mr Major launched an attack on Labour and the Liberal Democrats. "They stand for a centralised Europe, with ever more powers being handed over to Brussels, for an inward-looking Europe, for a job-destroying Europe and an over-regulated Europe — a Europe which would become ever more bureaucratic, interventionist and expensive."

He criticised Labour for its support of the Social Chapter, 35-hour week and minimum wage. "The Social Chapter would create jobs, but in Japan, not here. A 35-hour week would create jobs, but in the Pacific Basin, not here. A minimum wage would create jobs, but in the United States, not here."

Accusing Labour of campaigning only on slogans he insisted: "Our vision is a positive one. We want a strong Britain in a strong Europe. We want a prosperous Europe with more jobs, a competitive Europe built on free trade and open markets."

Although Mr Major repeatedly emphasised that "basics" were essential to the economy, education and law and order, he consistently steered away from using the "back to basics" slogan which has caused so much controversy within the Tory party. However, he reaffirmed his commitment to the need for individuals to accept responsibilities. "I'm concerned with social obligation, the sort of society we live in. I believe in a society where it doesn't matter who you are or where you come from, but what matters is merit, application and hard work."

Not all his audience were convinced by Mr Major's message. Nick Kuenssberg, chief executive of a company manufacturing high-quality knitwear, said: "Already we are seeing that demand for goods is declining, even before the tax rises in April. It is no good talking about competitiveness. It requires much more than that and we are finding it difficult in the export market because of sterling's foreign exchange position.

"There is no great bounce back whatsoever and I am very sceptical about this talk of a strong recovery. Both at home and abroad there is little sign of that upturn."

ROBIN MAYES

Anthony Everitt outside his offices yesterday after announcing his resignation

Bureaucracy kept me away from theatre, says arts chief

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

BUREAUCRACY at the Arts Council is tying up senior staff at meetings and preventing them from attending arts events, according to Anthony Everitt, who officially announced his resignation yesterday as secretary-general.

Mr Everitt, 54, said that structural changes and internal reviews, ordered by a succession of arts ministers, had created a committee culture which had kept him in the boardroom rather than the theatre.

The period of structural change at the council, which involved devolution of responsibility to the regions and setting up a "complex system of checks and balances", was now over, Mr Everitt said. But the council faces the biggest change in personnel since it began in 1946.

Mr Everitt's departure means that a new chairman, the Earl of Gowrie, a new secretary-general and six new members will start work in April. The Arts Council of Great Britain will then be replaced by the Arts Council of England — a streamlined body working with the newly independent Arts Councils of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Jennifer Edwards, director of the National Campaign for the Arts, said that the scene was set for the council to reclaim its lost authority and respect. "Anthony Everitt has chosen an appropriate time to step down," she said. "He has allowed for a considered reaction to the controversies of last year and an assessment of the way in which the council can go forward."

Mr Everitt denied that his resignation was influenced by the appointment of Lord Gowrie. "If I were to be in charge of implementing his plans, it would be foolish to leave just as the ship hits the water," he said. "I made up my mind months before the Gowrie appointment."

Possible candidates to replace Mr Everitt include Clive Priestley, chairman of the London Arts Board, and Colin Tweedy, director-general of the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts.

Attack on Sinn Fein renews claims of collusion

BY NICHOLAS WATT
IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

LOYALIST gunmen shot three workmen outside Sinn Fein's headquarters in west Belfast yesterday, prompting renewed claims of collusion between the paramilitaries and members of the security forces.

A leading member of the Social Democratic and Labour Party said he was staggered that Loyalist gunmen could launch an attack in the heart of nationalist west Belfast in daylight and escape with impunity. The Royal Ulster Constabulary rejected a claim by Sinn Fein that senior police officers had been colluding with Loyalists.

The attack yesterday by the outlawed Ulster Freedom Fighters was the third within a fortnight on Connolly House, the Sinn Fein headquarters in the Andersonstown area of Belfast. Two gunmen jumped out of a car just after 11am and opened fire on workmen who were repairing the building after a UFF rocket attack last week.

One of the injured men, who suffered wounds to his legs and stomach, was seriously ill in hospital last night.

Alex Attwood, an SDLP councillor in west Belfast, said the shooting highlighted the need to broaden the Stevens enquiry into allegations of collusion between Loyalist paramilitaries and the security forces. He said: "Within a fortnight Loyalist terrorists have been able to wander into west Belfast and carry out an attack at exactly the same place," he said. "This raises serious questions about the effectiveness of policing in the area and the willingness of the police to protect the whole community."

Sinn Fein backed up its allegations of collusion by claiming that the security forces withdrew from the area around the party's headquarters minutes before yesterday's attack. However, the RUC rejected the claim as Sinn Fein propaganda and listed two incidents to which its patrols were called just before the attack.

☐ John Major will seek to reassure Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, today of Britain's continuing commitment to the joint declaration on the future of Ulster.

The Irish leader is concerned that the growing emphasis London is placing on the attempt by Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland Secretary, to restart negotiations with the constitutional parties in Ulster is in danger of overshadowing the joint declaration.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Officers vie to join Condon at the Yard

At least one provincial chief constable is among a dozen top officers from around Britain vying to become one of the new assistant commissioners at Scotland Yard under Paul Condon. Five of the shortlisted officers now being interviewed by a special panel are deputy assistant commissioners from within the Yard.

The jobs pay more than £67,000, higher than almost all provincial police salaries. The Home Office and the Yard have refused to identify the candidates. Provincial officers have never been directly canvassed before. Now the Home and Mr Condon are trying to draw new blood into the Yard.

Lottery investment plan

The bulk of the estimated £4 billion proceeds of the national lottery will have to be invested in long-term capital projects to upgrade Britain's arts, cultural and sports facilities, Peter Brooke, the National Heritage Secretary, announced yesterday. Priority will also be given to projects involving partnerships with private bodies.

Boy in court over baby

A boy of 10 appeared in court accused of abducting and assaulting a four-month-old boy. The youth court at Plymouth was told that the baby was taken from the Parkview Family Centre at Peverell, Devon. He was found minutes later and is being treated for a fractured skull. The case was adjourned and the accused remanded into council care.

Police damage coach

A police rugby team has been banned for the rest of the season after causing £300 of damage to a coach. Members of the Kent force side broke seat backs during a drunken scrummage as the vehicle returned from a defeat by Bedford police. A Kent spokeswoman said: "This was horseplay which got out of hand." The team would pay for the damage.

Teenager's trip over

A teenager accused of arson, theft and assault who was sent by a council on a Scottish sailing holiday costing £750 a week has had to leave the holiday centre. The boy, 15, was remanded into the care of Stockport social services for a week when he appeared before Stockport magistrates yesterday. He will be placed in a residential unit.

Blackmail charges

Police charged two men with trying to extort more than £12 million from three supermarket chains by threatening to contaminate food. Michael Norman, 51, of Wreningham, Norfolk, and Alexander Taylor, 51, of Stoke sub Hamdon, Somerset, will appear before Horseferry Road magistrates, in central London, today.

Emma takes on Arnie

Emma Thompson, feted for her sensitive acting in Merchant-Ivory films, is to star opposite Arnold Schwarzenegger in her next production, a Hollywood comedy called *Junior*. Thompson, who is nominated for the best actress and best supporting actress Oscars this year, is expected to begin filming in April.

Grantchester clocks on

The church clock at Grantchester, near Cambridge, immortalised by Rupert Brooke, is to be repaired. In "The Old Vicarage, Grantchester", Brooke wrote: "Stands the Church clock at ten to three? And is there honey still for tea?" The clock, right, which has not worked for 90 years, has been standing at 2.50pm to keep tourists happy. Villagers are trying to raise £10,000 to repair it.

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Howard adamant over police reforms

BY JONATHAN PRYNN
POLITICAL REPORTER

MICHAEL Howard indicated yesterday that he was not prepared to back down on the main proposals in the Police and Magistrates' Courts Bill, even at the risk of further humiliation in the Lords.

Ministers were stunned by Tuesday's attack on the Bill from peers of all parties on the first day of its Lords committee stage. Only an offer of talks with the Opposition from Earl Ferrers, the Home Office minister, prevented a series of government defeats.

In a lecture in Berkshire last night, Mr Howard conceded he would "listen carefully" to the arguments of peers but emphasised the principles at stake. The criticism in the Lords centred on proposals to end local government control of police authorities. The Bill proposes that the Home Secretary should appoint up to five members of each authority in England and Wales. Labour and some Tory peers believe the authorities would be packed with Whitehall placemen.

Mr Howard was convinced that police authorities should include independent members "who are neither magistrates nor councillors and who can bring experience to bear", such as head teachers, businessmen and farmers.

Labour has argued that any independent members should be co-opted, preserving police accountability. Lord McIntosh of Haringey, Labour home affairs spokesman in the Lords, yesterday held talks with Earl Ferrers about the bill.

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Burglar's victim electrified gate to protect himself

By A Staff Reporter

A MAN who electrified a security gate at his home in a potentially lethal effort to deter intruders was yesterday put on probation, having spent six months in custody awaiting trial.

Manchester Crown Court was told that Richard Pownall, 27, wired a gate behind his front door to the mains supply after being burgled repeatedly and assaulted.

Timothy Brennand, for the prosecution, said: "This mantrap could have caused serious shock or at the worst death."

But Pownall was unrepentant. "If anyone tries to break in through my door I will have no other choice but to make sure they don't get any further," he said outside court. "I've already been stripped of virtually everything I own. How can I live with the knowledge that anyone can just smash their way in without me being able to stop them?"

Pownall, who admitted setting a mantrap and abstracting electricity, was placed on probation for two years. The mantrap law was introduced in 1861 to protect poachers from landowners who set fatal traps for them.

Passing sentence, Judge Rhys Davies QC said: "In the wretched society we live in it is not unusual for people to fortify their homes because they fear violence. What cannot be tolerated is people who set in place devices that can cause serious harm. We do not want to reach the stage where people can be killed making innocent calls to homes."

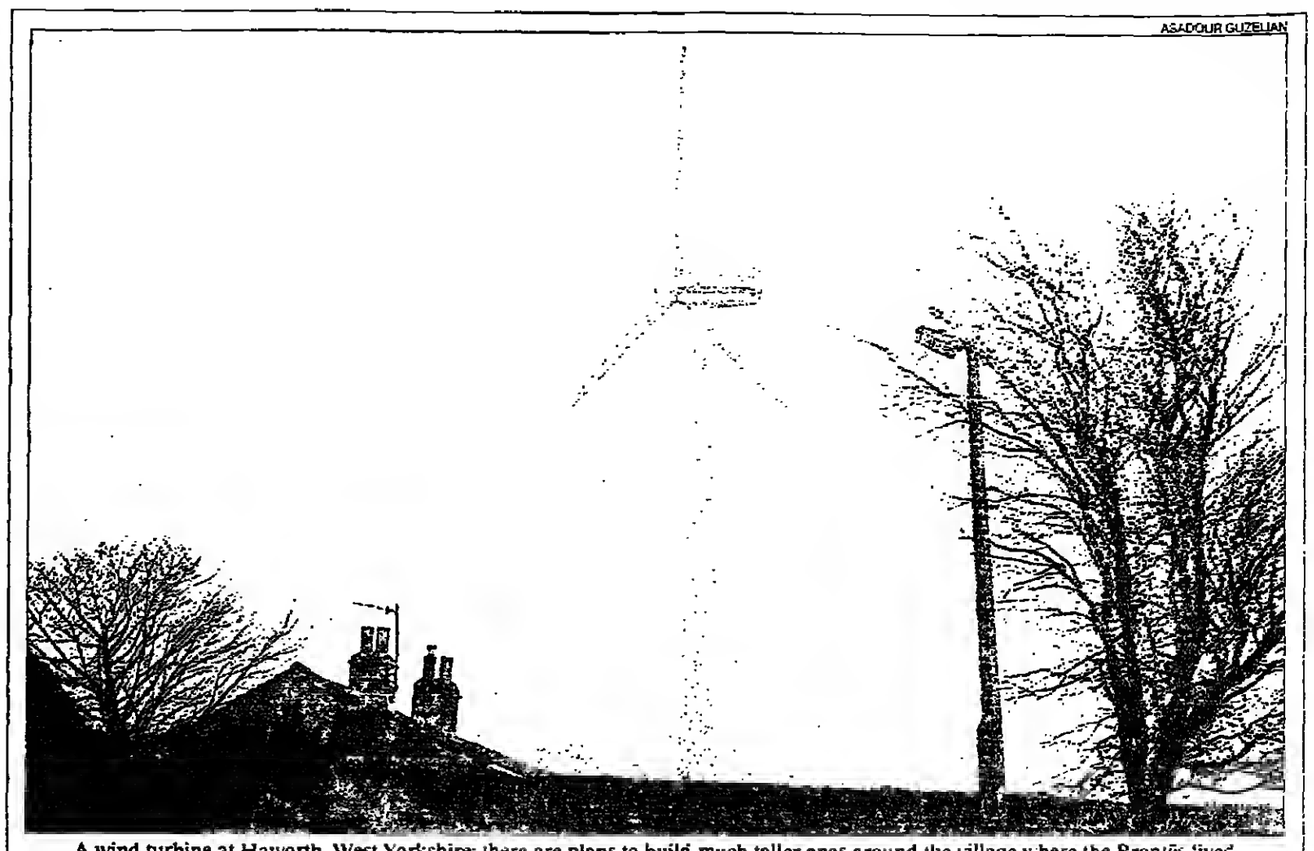
The court was told that police asked electricity board staff to turn off the power supply so that they could enter Pownall's flat in Miles Platting, Manchester, with a search warrant. He told officers: "I have tried to build up a nice home, but it keeps being smashed up and burgled. I have also been beaten up."

Stuart Neale, for the defence, said: "He was in fear and wanted to protect himself. He wired it up when he was inside the flat. The mantrap was intended to protect him from burglars and others who intended to harm him."

Leaving court, Pownall said he had been burgled three times in six months. "My flat is now virtually bare with no furniture left apart from a bed, three-piece suite and a coffee table. All I have is the clothes I'm standing up in. I'm sick to death of it."

A friend said: "Richard is a timid and lonely man. If he is left alone he will not bother anyone. He had lived in the flat for 20 months and found it terrifying.

"Drug dealers lived in another flat, they have since left, and often tried to break into his home. On one occasion he was stabbed outside his own front door. He was found lying in a pool of blood."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A wind turbine at Haworth, West Yorkshire: there are plans to build much taller ones around the village where the Brontës lived

Wind farms blow away Brontë mystery

By Alison Roberts
Arts Reporter

A FORMIDABLE array of literary talent has joined forces to defend the wild Yorkshire moors which inspired Emily Brontë's *Wuthering Heights* from proposals to build giant wind turbines.

More than 60 writers and academics, including Ted Hughes, Dame Iris Murdoch, Edna O'Brien and Alan Ayckbourn have joined a campaign to ban wind farms from Brontë country.

They claim that plans to erect clusters of wind turbines on seven sites around Haworth will ruin the landscape that fired the Brontë imagination. Some of the turbines are as tall as a 20-storey building.

Another campaigner is the singer Cliff Richard, who launches his musical *Heathcliff*, based on the novel's hero, next week. He said: "The moors are rare and beautiful. I have seen wind farms in Denmark and they are pretty ugly. I have no problem with harnessing wind for power, but to change the moors that drastically would be a great shame."

The protesters have sent a letter to the *Times Literary Supplement* drawing attention to "the assault on our literary and artistic heritage being perpetrated in the name of so-called environmentally friendly power generation". They call for a government moratorium on wind-farm developments within a 20-mile radius of Haworth.

Already, there are 23 turbines visible from Haworth on Ovenden Moor. An application submitted by National Wind Power to Calderdale council seeks permission for 44 turbines at Flaight Hill in the heart of the moorlands. Other smaller farms are planned.

John Ainslie, of National Wind Power, said the Flaight Hill scheme would produce enough electricity for 15,000 houses.

Only 1 per cent of the land would be taken up by the development and the moorland could continue to be used for grazing and recreation, he said. "There is a lot of moorland which will remain unaffected."

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Edna O'Brien and Alan Ayckbourn are defending Emily Brontë's moors

A site for eyesores, say critics

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

WIND power, once universally hailed as an environment-friendly form of energy generation, has come under increasing attack as more and more turbines sprout in the countryside.

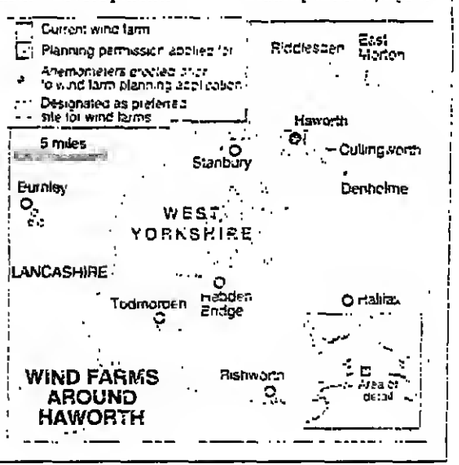
Organisations such as the Countryside Commission, although not against wind power in itself, claim too many turbines are being placed near areas of outstanding natural beauty or wilderness sites.

In Cornwall, where Britain's first commercial wind project was approved in 1990, councils have begun objecting to schemes because of fears that the county may be overwhelmed by spinning blades.

The technology, promoted by the Department of Trade and Industry under a special levy called the Non Fossil Fuel Obligation, is best suited to high or coastal sites where the winds are frequently strong. These also tend to be areas of great natural or scenic interest.

Critics argue that wind power, which produces electricity at a cost of about 9p a unit — 6p more than coal or gas — is uneconomical. But developers of wind farms point out that nuclear- and coal-fuelled power has enjoyed large government subsidies for decades.

Supporters emphasise that all wind farms are developed to take advantage of the contours and shape of a landscape. They say that wind power produces none of the gases linked with global warming, ill-health and damage to vegetation, and this outweighs any damage to the scenery.



Jurors weep as rapist is found not guilty

By A Staff Reporter

WOMEN jurors wept after clearing a man of rape and then being told that he was a convicted rapist serving 12 years.

There was a furious outburst from the complainant's common-law husband as the verdict of not guilty was announced after the four-day trial at Sheffield Crown Court. The man rushed towards the dock to confront the cleared man, Shaun Naseem.

Women jurors wept and men looked visibly shaken as the 28-year-old woman's partner yelled: "You've got it wrong. The fact is he was allowed out on bail and committed another rape. He is doing 12 years because a High Court judge allowed him out." He shouted abuse and tried to punch Naseem.

Naseem, 30, a car valeter, had already been convicted of raping a 17-year-old girl. Details of the case had been withheld until after the current trial.

It was alleged that Naseem, of Hackenthorpe, Sheffield, raped the mother of four in May 1991 after holding a knife at her throat and driving her to his father's home.

After his arrest he was remanded in custody by Ian Crompton, Sheffield stipendiary magistrate, but bail was granted by Mr Justice Waller, sitting in chambers, in spite of an objection from the Crown Prosecution Service.

Naseem went on to attack the 17-year-old in July 1992, raping her twice and abducting her on a 22-mile drive. He admitted rape, kidnap, unlawful wounding and indecent assault and was jailed for 12 years.

Vets send animals to cruel Spanish slaughterhouses

By Michael Hornsby, Agriculture Correspondent

VETS are failing to enforce rules intended to ensure that animals exported to Spain go only to slaughterhouses that meet European Community welfare standards.

Hundreds of thousands of calves are also being exported to Holland and France to be reared for veal production by methods that are banned here. About 40 per cent of the meat is then re-exported to Britain.

Keith Meldrum, the Government's Chief Veterinary Officer, said yesterday that investigations were being carried out in at least six counties into suspected breaches of the rules protecting the welfare of livestock exported for slaughter. He has sent the State Veterinary Service detailed evidence that vets are failing to check properly that animals sent to Spain are destined for EC-approved abattoirs. Many Spanish abattoirs ignore the EC law requiring animals to be stunned before slaughter.

The Government says the EC's free-trade rules prohibit it from preventing the export of calves to Holland and France. There were more than 400,000 calves among 2 to 3 million sheep, cattle and pigs that Britain exported to the EC last year. Most of the calves were for rearing in "veal crates", which were banned in Britain four years ago. They are slaughtered after being kept for six months in narrow stalls and fed a liquid diet to produce the pale meat desired by gourmets.

Peter Stevenson, legal adviser to Compassion in World Farming, said: "It seems the height of hypocrisy to make the veal crate illegal here but then allow over 1,000 calves a day to be exported for rearing in the same system abroad."

As a result of the investigations so far, Shropshire county council has brought a legal case against two vets working for the Agriculture Ministry who allegedly certified as fit for export more animals than they had inspected.

Among other things, vets must check that animals are healthy and fit to travel, and supervise loading procedures. Traders must submit details of welfare arrangements for animals taken on journeys of more than 15 hours.

Animal welfare campaigners claim the rules are widely abused. Mr Stevenson said: "The Government often gives the impression that the British live animal trade is squeaky clean, compared with what happens in the rest of Europe, but this is not so."

£10m sale of Modernists reflects market recovery

By John Shaw

SEVEN pictures by some of the pioneers of Modernism and valued at well in excess of £10 million are to be sold at auction by Christie's in New York this spring.

James Roundell, head of the firm's Impressionist and Modern picture department in London, said the paintings come from a European estate and have not been seen on the international art market for about 30 years.

The collection includes an early cubist still-life by Pablo Picasso entitled *Violon, Bouteille et Verre* from 1913, which is expected to fetch up to £4 million, and landscapes by Paul Gauguin and Maurice de Vlaminck from about 1905 which could go for as much as £5 million and £3 million respectively.

The Picasso comes from the highly experimental 1912-14 period when he was developing a new visual reality. The picture is made up of collaged paper, painted imitation wallpaper and wood with textured paint to give a multi-level effect.

A more conventional Picasso is also on offer, entitled *La Couseuse* (The Seamstress) and painted in Paris in the summer and autumn of 1906.

Gaugin's *L'Aven à Travers Pont-Aven* is a vividly coloured village landscape in Brittany which shows the influence of his visit to Martinique in 1887. A fourth picture, *Paysage de Banlieue* by Vlaminck, another brilliantly coloured study, is a rare excursion into the Fauve landscape style.

The collection of paintings will be auctioned in an evening sale in New York on May 10. "This collection creates an excitement which the market wants right now," Mr Roundell said.

"These pictures have been in one collection for a long time and that is always one of the most exciting aspects: to bring good quality, fresh paintings to the market which, moreover, are in extraordinarily good condition."

Works by the French Impressionists still lead the international art market in price terms. Sale results last year confirm their prime position as the market recovers and Christie's has seen buyers returning to auctions in both New York and London.

"We can sense the excitement once more," Mr Roundell said. "People are not coming back in terms of gay abandon on prices. They are coming back in terms of wanting to be involved again, keen to see what is on offer in terms of quality and prepared to pursue the best. We consider several of these pictures will provide that attraction."

All seven paintings have been hanging at the owner's home. The others are *Pipe et Comporter*, a still-life from 1919 by Georges Braque, *Composition Jaune et Noir* an oil from 1929 by Fernand Léger, and *Coussin sur une Chaise*, a pencil drawing from 1887 by Paul Cézanne. The collection will go on show in Paris, Seoul and Tokyo before the New York sale.

A Christie's auction in St Moritz yesterday made more than £9 million.

Lots included a collection of 37 jewels belonging to Princess Luciana Pignatelli, who was once married to a member of the Italian royal family. They fetched £319,473.

Sotheby's stage their two-day sale at the Swiss resort this weekend and will be attempting to beat last year's record sale total of £16 million.

Detail from Gauguin's *L'Aven à Travers Pont-Aven*

Vicar is jailed for sex attacks on boys

By A Staff Reporter

A VICAR was jailed for three years yesterday for sexually assaulting two teenage boys.

Maidstone Crown Court was told that Richard Gazzard, 53, bribed one of the boys to commit a sex act in front of him in return for a signed photograph of Dr Robert Runcie, then Archbishop of Canterbury.

In a letter to the court, Lord Runcie praised Gazzard, the former vicar of Christ Church in Ashford, Kent, as a "very hard-working, caring vicar". Dr George Carey, the current Archbishop, sent a message that he was "deeply saddened" by what had happened.

The boys claimed that Gazzard, 53, of Ashford, also took obscene pictures of them and one, a choir boy at the time, was asked to perform sex acts behind the church organ with the minister.

Gazzard was jailed on three charges of indecent assault and one of buggery. He denied the charges.

Photographs of the boys were found at his home. One of the young men, now 22, told the court: "I suppose he took about 60 photos of me over a period of two to three years." Gazzard, a married father of three, admitted taking the pictures.

In a statement, Dr Carey and the Bishop of Maidstone, the Rt Rev Gavin Reid, said they were deeply saddened by the case. "Priests are expected to model high standards of morality and when they fall so grievously the Church is damaged and its witness weakened. This whole episode has been a tragedy."

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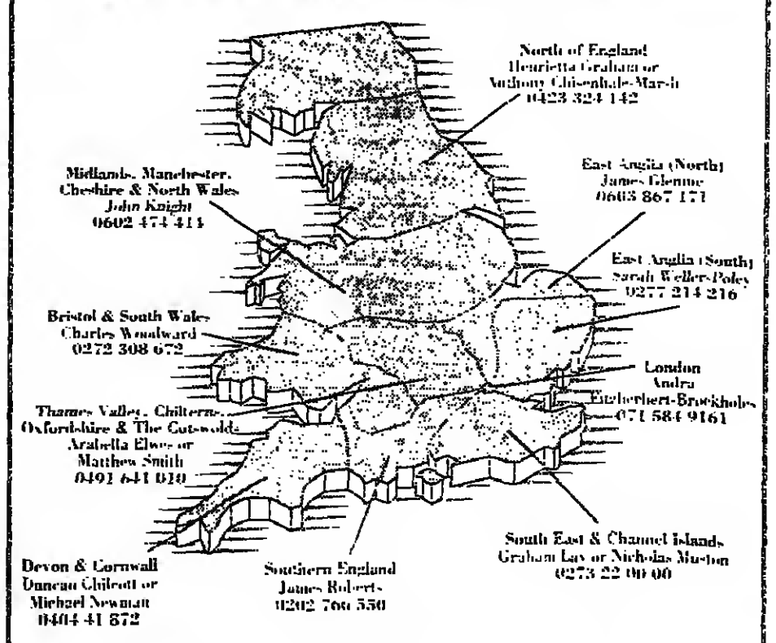

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'I am a strict person but not a prude,' insists Britain's chief censor in row over blockbuster

Mrs Doubtfire's rating changed by third council

By Emma Wilkins

BRITAIN'S chief film censor accused his fellow examiners of slap-dash attitudes to sex and violence yesterday as a third local authority decided to override his decision to award a "12" certificate to the Hollywood comedy *Mrs Doubtfire*.

Portsmouth City Council's decision to override the British Board of Film Classification's ruling came after councils at Scunthorpe and Taunton Deane, Somerset, had awarded the film a less restrictive parental guidance (PG) certificate last week.

The decision by James Ferman, director of the BBFC for 19 years, to award *Mrs Doubtfire* a "12" certificate was based on one scene in which Robin Williams, playing a divorced man who dresses up as a nanny in order to look after his children, refers to a sexually transmitted disease and a sex aid. "There is sexual innuendo about the use of a vibrator and there are references to 'crabs'," Mr Ferman said. "I am a strict person, but I am not a prude," he added.

Portsmouth City Council's licensing committee saw the film on Thursday and decided it was suitable for family viewing. Paul Spencer, the committee chairman, said: "Apart from a few sexual innuendoes, the film highlights good family values and we believe it comes across as good all-round family entertainment."

Ferman: believes that standards have fallen

Mr Ferman is to replace his staff of 13 part-time examiners with nine full-time workers during the next 12 months. The present system had led to a state of anarchy with some examiners becoming "semi-detached", he said.

Mr Ferman, whose favourite films are *Singing in the Rain* and *Fanny and Alexander*, denied that any examiners faced the sack. "I've got a firm grip on standards, but having part-time staff drift in and out has led to a state of anarchy," he said. "We draw the line very strictly on sadistic violence, but there are some examiners here who have been getting slap dash. Because they're not here full time, some are becoming semi-detached."

"The aim is to have nine full-time examiners by next year. About half of the present examiners will be re-hired on full-time contracts and the rest have been offered generous redundancy when their contracts come to an end at the end of the year. The others will be new people."

Mr Ferman is negotiating the change in appointments with the general technical union Manufacturing, Science and Finance, which represents some of the examiners.

Mr Ferman believes that standards have fallen during the past 19 years. "When I began the job in 1975 we cut about 25 per cent of all the films we saw. Now that is down to just 7 per cent.

"We work on the basis of the feedback we get from the general public and we must pay attention to the views of parents. Maybe there is a trend towards allowing jokes about vibrators and sexually transmitted diseases in family films, but I don't think most ordinary parents would approve."

Robin Williams as Mrs Doubtfire: his character refers to a sexually transmitted disease and a sex aid

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Fertility experts to review egg bartering

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

RULES on payments for donating eggs to fertility clinics are to be re-examined by the government's advisory body.

The review, promised by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority in its last report, is likely to be accelerated because of controversy over a clinic that offers free fertility treatment in return for eggs.

The authority stipulates a maximum cash payment of £15 for each donation, but no limit on "other benefits" the donor may receive. Often such benefits consist of surgical sterilisation.

The Cromwell fertility clinic in Washington, Tyne and Wear, offered Susan Burton *in vitro* fertilisation treatment in exchange for half the eggs she produced while undergoing the treatment. The authority supports such deals because they provide donor eggs, which are in short supply, while enabling women to have private fertility treatment they could not otherwise afford.

Its rules, which came into force on August 1, 1991, are explicit. "There is no restriction on the value of other benefits which may be given to the donor, but the only benefits which may be offered for this purpose are treatment services and sterilisation."

The authority indicated in its last annual report that it intended to review the payments. The long-term intention was to phase out payments altogether, both in cash and in kind.

The Cromwell Clinic, a satellite of Cromwell Hospital in west London, offered Mrs Burton the opportunity to donate eggs because she could not afford the £2,000 fee for fertility treatment. Mrs Burton, 34, of Tyneside, has accepted the offer, but said: "I think it's a shame I have to have a baby this way."

The Cromwell Hospital said: "We don't advertise this service and it is done extremely infrequently, when two patients can benefit."

Dangerous fungi escaped in lab accident

By Our Science Editor

RESEARCHERS at Guy's Hospital in London may face prosecution over an accident in which a laboratory was contaminated with dangerous fungi. Blood tests on 20 people who might have been exposed to the fungi have proved negative.

The Health and Safety Executive, called in after the accident was discovered, found that the laboratory was not up to standard for handling the fungi, and served an improvement notice. The HSE is considering whether any action should be taken against the researchers involved, who come from the united medical and dental schools of Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital.

The experiment involved incubating two pathogenic fungi, *Histoplasma capsulatum* and *Paracoccidioides brasiliensis*, inside a sealed incubator in a sealed laboratory. The fungi, which occur naturally in many parts of the world, can cause respiratory problems and are classed as Hazard Group Three pathogens. The most most dangerous are in Group Four.

The accident, last September, was not discovered for some days, as the experiment did not need constant supervision. A spokeswoman for the medical and dental schools said the right kind of glassware was being used, and no carelessness was involved: "It was an unfortunate accident, but nobody was harmed."

The research, being carried out by an unnamed PhD student, was designed to develop diagnostic techniques for infections caused by these fungi. The danger comes from inhalation, with those already ill at greatest risk. The *Paracoccidioides* fungus can lie dormant for years and spread to skin and other organs.

The accident, though it appears to have caused no harm, may increase concern about safety standards in British academic research laboratories. Last week, research at Birmingham University into cancer was stopped after the HSE raised doubts about its safety.

Space age comforter proves big in Japan

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

THE Japanese music industry has given awards to a lullaby, composed by a Briton, which sounds like a cross between a television set after closedown and a muffled pneumatic drill.

Baby Soother was discovered by Roger Wannell, a teacher from Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, when his tape recorder broke down. Yesterday it was named best new product and won a prize for outstanding sales at the JVC Hit Awards. Since its launch last year, more than 25,000 Baby Soother compact discs and cassettes have been sold in Japan.

The space age lullaby, described as three main rhythms and a background of continuous noise, is already available in Britain, where it has been bought by parents, hospital nurseries and health vistors.

It is claimed that the soothing sounds will comfort up to 90 per cent of crying babies in less than four minutes. How it works is a mystery, although the sound first has to be played to babies before the age of ten weeks.

Christi Mitchell, senior licensing executive with the British Technology Group, which has the rights to commercialise the invention, said that it now planned to launch it in Europe. June Jordan, of the national telephone helpline Cry-sis, said: "I know lots of people who have used it and it worked beautifully."

NHS chief takes job at firm he promoted

By Nicholas Wood and Andrew Pierce

■ Two Labour frontbenchers want an enquiry into what they suspect is a case of "corruption and sharp practice"

THE Health Secretary is being urged to investigate links between a senior health authority manager and a private medical company with which he has taken a top job.

Labour is demanding that Virginia Bottomley instigate an enquiry into the disclosure that Mike Sykes, executive director of operations and performance management with Oxford Regional Health Authority, was promoting services offered by the firm six weeks before it was announced he was to join it.

Mr Sykes, starts as managing director of J S Pathology Services, part of Unilabs UK, at the end of the month. The authority indicated in a press release on December 1 that Mr Sykes was joining the company. He formally resigned on December 7. On October 20 he wrote to four NHS trusts within the RHA area extolling the virtues of Unilabs and J S Pathology. The letters were sent during a review of pathology services seen as a prelude to privatisation.

Mr Sykes, 44, who enclosed a brochure about Unilabs, wrote: "The North Herts Trust is making considerable savings from their initiative with Unilabs as well as potentially improving their quality of pathology support... Unilabs is a very significant company in the independent pathology sector... I have personally had dealings with JSPS in the past and can vouch for their high quality of service and business ethics."

North Hertfordshire NHS Trust said: "We have not saved any money because we have not signed contracts with the company. We do not expect to enter into a contract until April 1."

A Commons motion signed by two Labour health frontbenchers, Ian McCartney and Dawn Primarolo, said they were "appalled that a public servant should first use his position as a senior NHS manager to further privatisation of the NHS and then benefit personally from his confidential efforts".

This was "another blatant example of the lowering of standards in public service". The MPs called for an immediate investigation by the Health Secretary and by Thames Valley police "into the *prima facie* case of corruption and sharp practice".

Mr Sykes was on annual leave and not available for comment. Barbara Stocking, chief executive of Oxford RHA, issued a statement which said Mr Sykes had met with J S Pathology in the interests of saving costs.

The statement said: "Because of understandable concern about a potential conflict of interest, as Chief Executive I sought from Mike Sykes an assurance that his meeting in October with Unilabs was prior to and unconnected with his subsequent employment move. I received the assurance that his initial discussion and subsequent appointment were quite independent and immediately took action to ensure that Mike Sykes did not have access to any data that might be considered to prejudice any future market testing of services."

BBC puts spotlight on man in the street

By Alexandra Frean
Media Correspondent

THE BBC has signalled a return to popular current affairs programming with the launch of *Here And Now*, an early evening show scheduled against *Coronation Street*. The half-hour programme on Wednesdays will eschew politics and focus instead on the lives of ordinary Britons in ten-minute documentaries.

There will be an element of "naming the guilty" — one story confronts a joyrider with the policeman he nearly killed. Early editions also include a look at the most burgled street in Britain and an item on the new NHS headquarters in Leeds, which cost £55 million.

There will also be a report on Irma Hadzimuratovic, the six-year-old girl who was flown out of Sarajevo six months ago, following her progress in hospital Great Ormond Street, London.

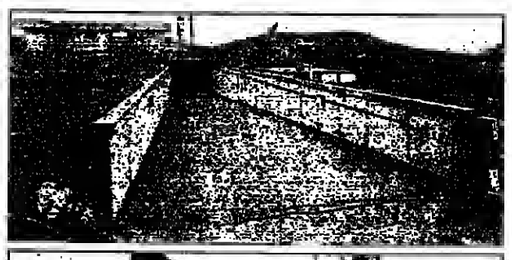
Tim Gardam, the BBC's head of weekly programmes for news and current affairs, said that *Here And Now* would be like *Nationwide* — the early evening magazine programme abandoned by the BBC in 1983 — but without the froth. There would be no studio interviews with ducks or reporters dressing up as chickens, he said.

Here and Now begins on March 2, and will be presented by Tom Mangold, the veteran *Panorama* journalist; Lynda Bryans, from BBC Northern Ireland; Mark Easton, a reporter for BBC2's *Newsnight*; Sankha Guha, from BBC1's *Holiday Programme*; and Sybil Ruscoe, a reporter on BBC Radio One, who moves to Radio 5 next month.

The programme's format reflects growing concern among BBC executives that while viewers from the ABC1 socio-economic groups in southeast England are well catered for with programmes such as *Panorama* and *Newsnight*, there is insufficient material aimed at non-metropolitan viewers in the C2D groups.

Perfect retreat for the nuclear family

By Joe Joseph



The drive, above, has plenty of room to wash the car, and the main door is sure to keep out draughts

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The 17 nuclear bunkers being sold by the Government would be perfect for those whose taste in domestic architecture runs to the stark. You would certainly be rid of double-glazing salesmen because there are no windows to glaze.

One of the bunkers would make an unusual weekend retreat, being buried deep in Ashdown Forest, East Sussex. Guests may have trouble finding it: the location was secret until last year and it appears on no maps. Also, there is no doorbell. But you might consider converting the water tank, large enough to supply 150 people for at least a month, into an indoor swimming pool.

"We've already had quite a lot of interest," a Home Office official said. "People's ideas on how to use them vary hugely. Some want them for secure storage, museums, nightclubs, recording studios, mushroom farms, wine cellars. Others don't say what they have in mind."

The eerie shelter, which was completed in 1988, looks like it already has been the victim of some disaster that has seen off the residents. There are three dormitories with metal-framed bunk beds, sleeping 50 to a room; a canteen ready for service but without customers; and a conference room with a map of England and a plastic rhododendron in the corner, but nobody in charge. The kitchen used to stock enough ration packs to keep the residents fed for at least a month, but they were sent to feed the Kurds.

It was built to be a regional government headquarters, home to 150 civil servants led by a minister of state in the event of nuclear conflict. There was no provision for spouses or families.

The Home Office hopes to have all 17 bunkers sold by the end of this year, although it is still struggling to work out how much they may be worth. It has found no lack of buyers for two-man and three-man bomb-proof monitoring posts, which have fetched an average of £3,000.

But what if nuclear war threatens again? The Government has retained the right to move back in. "The situation is under constant review," the Home Office man said. "We would anticipate ample time to prepare, as a long period of deterioration would be expected before any attack."

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MPs faced with clear decision on age of gay consent

By Jonathan Prynn, political reporter

MPs are to be given a clear choice over equalising the age of homosexual and heterosexual consent in their first vote on the issue in the Commons on Monday night.

Campaigners who want the age of consent for homosexuals, currently 21, lowered to 16, the same as that for heterosexuals, are pleased that Michael Morris, the Deputy Speaker, will call their amendment first, giving them a procedural advantage. Gay rights activists had been concerned that if an amendment on lowering the age of consent to 18 were to be voted on first it would be carried by an overwhelming majority. That amendment, put forward by a group of Tory MPs, has the support of John Major and Michael Howard, the Home Secretary.

The campaign for equalisation is led in the Commons by Edwina Currie, the Tory MP for Derbyshire South, whose amendments have been cosponsored by six other MPs, including Neil Kinnock, Jerry Hayes, the Tory MP for Harlow, and Chris Smith, the Labour MP for Islington South and Finsbury.

Mr Hayes yesterday welcomed the decision to vote on equalisation first. He said it was right to give MPs "a very clear issue to make a decision on straight away".

The votes will be taken at the end of Monday's committee stage of the Criminal Justice Bill. MPs will be given the choice of reducing the age of homosexual consent to 16, reducing it to 18 — the compromise favoured by most senior government ministers — and leaving it at 21.

Supporters of equality at 16 say the argument is moving their way, although they are not yet confident of victory. Mr Hayes said yesterday that he believed up to 60 Tory MPs were now prepared to back that option, far higher than earlier estimates. That would mean being able to count on about 300 votes.

Westminster observers believe the outcome is too close to call. Over the weekend, Tory MPs will reflect on opinion in their constituencies over a proposed reform that inspires little enthusiasm among grass-roots Tories. Some are expected to abstain, in effect backing the status quo, rather than risk antagonising hardliners in their local parties, particularly in the wake of recent sex scandals.

Police pave way for men-only lovers' lane

By Kate Alderson

DESIGNATED cruising zones where homosexual men can pick up partners without suffering police harassment are being discussed by homosexual activists and Greater Manchester police as part of an initiative to establish the force as "gay-friendly".

Although the police say they are not at liberty to set aside such an area and believe it might increase the vulnerability of homosexual men to attack, they have set up a working party to discuss the subject in an attempt to understand the cruising phenomenon and more about the lifestyle of homosexuals.

John Brown, a community relations officer from Manchester police authority, said that many homosexual activists wanted an equivalent of a "lover's lane".

Inspector Tom Cross, lesbian and gay liaison officer for Greater Manchester police, said: "There is a lot of mistrust by gay men towards the police and we have to prove we are willing to listen." He added that police would not institute policies that would alienate the public.

TIM OCKENDEN

The Prince of Wales, followed by his sons Prince Harry and Prince William, arriving for a photocall at Klosters yesterday, quite unlike the grudging encounters of earlier skiing trips by the family (Alan Hamilton writes). The annual visit to the Swiss resort, traditionally a curmudgeonly and boot-faced confrontation with the press, was transformed into a photo-opportunity in which everyone, on the surface at least, seemed almost happy.

The Prince of Wales had taken his two sons for a weekend in the snow from their boarding school at Ludgrove, Berkshire, where half-term is just three days. The three princes appeared to go out of their way to accommodate the usual battalion of cameramen: they posed, pointed, smiled and even obeyed the photographers' requests to move to better positions. It never used to be like that when the Prince and Princess of Wales were the quarry. Photo-sessions were tense, bad-tempered, and granted without much sign of good grace. Now the Princess has gone, and the Prince is clearly heeding his advisers who are determined to build a better image of him.

The Prince detests any idea of image-building, but since his recent tour of Australia and New Zealand he has been prepared to play the game, smiling at the cameras and greeting waiting reporters.

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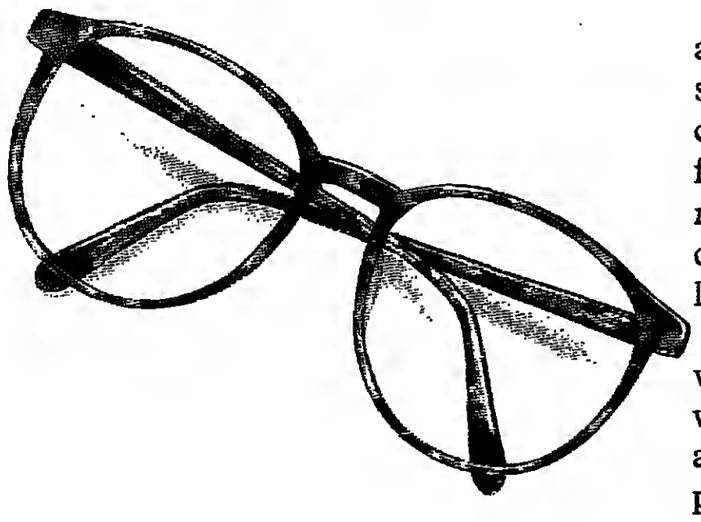

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OPTICIANS

Anonymity for rape accused rejected

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

THE Home Secretary has rejected calls for defendants in sex cases to be given the same anonymity as their victims unless they are convicted.

After reviewing the law, Michael Howard announced yesterday that he was satisfied that the present legislation found a proper balance "between the principle of open justice on the one hand and on the other the need to ensure that victims of sexual offences are encouraged to come forward".

The Home Secretary was urged to consider changes after the case of Austen Donnellan, a London University student acquitted last autumn of raping another student after a drunken Christmas party.

Mr Donnellan's trial was seen as highlighting the damage an innocent defendant could suffer during prosecution for a sex offence. Lawyers questioned whether victims should be identified if the defendent was acquitted.

Under the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1976, victims are granted lifetime anonymity. Parliament decided in 1988 to do away with a provision of the Act which gave the accused anonymity.

In a parliamentary written answer yesterday, Mr Howard said he was not persuaded that defendants in cases involving sexual offences should be treated differently from those charged with other serious crimes who also feared that their reputation would be damaged. He said: "In a system of open justice, some discomfort for defendants who are subsequently acquitted is inevitable. But openness is essential to the maintenance of public confidence in the criminal justice system."

The Home Secretary said that the identity of victims must continue to be protected. "Even with anonymity, a criminal trial is a particularly harrowing process for the victim of a sexual offence and I believe that any diminution in the protection currently available, or doubts about the certainty of the protection, would be likely to increase the number of sexual offences that go unreported and unpunished."

The Home Secretary said that complainants could be prosecuted for perjury or an attempt to pervert the course of justice. When those cases were brought the protection of anonymity was lost.

Jennifer Temkin, Professor of Law at Sussex University and author of a study of rape and criminal justice, said she welcomed the Home Secretary's decision. Altering the balance would have "put the clock back on rape".

She added that after the Donnellan case there were suggestions that women should be named if the defendant was acquitted. She said: "I think that would have been catastrophic ... It would have been a terrible deterrent to women to come forward." Singling out one group of defendants for protection would be hard to justify.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Tiviakov's triumph

The Russian Grandmaster Sergei Tiviakov has scored an overwhelming victory in the Goodricke International tournament in Calcutta this week, finishing with 9 points from 11 games.

Georgadze (Georgia), Hickl (Germany) and the two British Grandmasters Norwood and Miles tied with 8 points. Although Miles did not win the tournament he had the consolation of winning the following brilliant miniature game against the British international master Colin Crouch.

Miles ahead

White: Colin Crouch
Black: Anthony Miles
Calcutta, February 1994

King's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	g6
3	Nc3	Bg7
4	e4	0-0
5	Nf3	d6
6	h3	Na6
7	Be3	Qe8
8	g4	c5
9	Bg2	cxd4
10	Nxd4	Nc5
11	Ndb5	Be6
12	Nc7	Qc6
13	Nxa8	Bxc4
14	Nd5	Nxd5
15	exd5	Qb5
16	Bxc5	dxc5
17	Nc7	Qxb2
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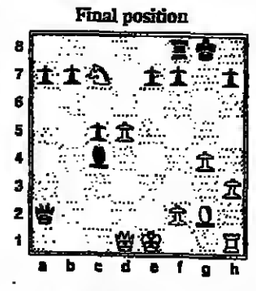
White resigns

Final position



In the final position White is paralysed and his extra knight is doomed to imminent capture when Black will be left with a massive superiority in pawns.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Nanny split screaming baby's skull

A nanny who fractured a baby's skull when she slapped him because of his constant crying was put on probation for two years at Derby Crown Court yesterday.

Recorder Teare told her: "Anybody who has had to live with a screaming child must know what you had to go through day after day."

The woman, aged 26, admitted inflicting grievous bodily harm on the four-month-old boy, who was described as a demanding baby.

Charges denied

Peter Tobin, 47, of Havant, was remanded in custody until May 11 at Winchester Crown Court after denying attempted murder, unlawful imprisonment, rape and indecent assault of two schoolgirls.

Rattle remains

Simon Rattle, 39, will stay as music director of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra at least until 1997. His future was threatened earlier this month by news that the orchestra was losing £250,000 a year.

Cook bullied

An army cook found hanging from rafters in his barrack room at Larkhill camp was taunted and bullied by fellow soldiers, an inquest in Salisbury was told. Private Tom Dadge, 20, died in November.

Body on heath

The body of an unidentified man was found beside a tent by a walker on Hampstead Heath, north London. Police do not think the death is suspicious but are appealing for information.

TV response

The BBC said that several hundred people responded to a police appeal for help on BBC's *Crimewatch UK* after the murder of Jazmine Bisset, 4, and her mother, Samantha, in a flat in London.

Poor support

Thousands of new and second-hand bras have been sent to the Salvation Army's "bra bank" in southern England for dispatch to women in developing countries.

Fight for jobs

An advertisement seeking 26 new firefighters to join the Essex Fire and Rescue Service has attracted more than 4,000 applicants.

Late returns

Overdue books to the value of £2,539 were returned to libraries on the Isle of Wight after an amnesty was declared.

Air-sea rescue

Two lifeboats and a helicopter rescued four men from a fishing boat off Orkney.

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Survey warns customers that buying trees and shrubs is a lottery

Garden centre plants 'are diseased and dying'

By Robin Young

GARDEN centres sell so many dying and disease-ridden plants that buying from them is a form of national lottery, according to the Consumers' Association.

Experts from its magazine *Gardening Which?* inspected 60 garden centres, recording the incidence of serious pests and diseases among trees, conifers, deciduous and evergreen shrubs, climbers, alpines, herbaceous plants and fruit.

Even at the best centres, the magazine reports, inspectors found examples of poor plants, while in the worst many plants were starved, pot-bound, infested with pests and disease, or dead.

At Jardinerie in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, the magazine says, "fruit was the poorest section but also many trees and shrubs were not fit for sale". At the same firm's Solihull centre the inspector found more than 30 dead plants. "Some conifers had died of drought, while others were flooded. Fruit was particularly poor." Jardinerie charges £19.99 for garden trees, up to £4.99 for conifers, and up to £29.99 for fruit trees.

At the Trowbridge Garden Centre in Wiltshire, *Gardening Which?* reports, problems included lack of water and feed, dead roses, pests and diseases. "Over a quarter of trees and shrubs were not fit for sale." The Trowbridge centre has redeveloped its shrub area since the inspection and now claims to sell few trees. The centre's prices for roses start at £4.99.

Other centres were criticised for offering dry and misshapen plants, pots full of aphids and weeds and plants for sale that were well beyond their shelf-life.

More than half the centres inspected earned top marks for two or more types of plant, but only a dozen mustered such a score for four or more of the eight plant types.

The magazine found that it made little difference whether the centre belonged to a chain, was independent, or was a member of the Garden Centre Association (GCA), a trade body which aims to "lead the way in instilling a culture of quality in garden centres".

"No group stood out as being better than others," the magazine says, and having compared GCA members with non-members it concludes: "The GCA appear to have a long way to go if they want to make their logo a guarantee of excellent plants."

The inspectors found that all three branches of the Hilliers chain were "reasonably good" and that the Midlothian branch of Dobbies and the Taunton branch of Wyevale were among the best in their regions.

Standards at all centres are likely to vary as management or stock changes, *Gardening Which?* acknowledges. The danger signs it highlights include pots sitting in puddles of water, rampant liverwort growth on capillary matting, plants crowded together, weeds in pots, faded labels and pot-bound plants.

John Kitching, a director of Jardinerie, said yesterday: "Action has been taken to correct the problems that were found at our Cheltenham and Solihull branches. We have put in a much more rigid spraying programme, and we are apologising to our customers if any plants they bought were not in good condition. We do guarantee all our plants for a year."

Cecilia Slinn of the GCA said: "While we are aware that we do not yet have all the good garden centres around the country in membership, we guarantee that our plants will thrive, given the right conditions."

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Beware over-crowded and flooded pot plants, excessive weeds and faded labels, says *Gardening Which?*

Bolshoi star steals show to declare: I'm sacked

By Alison Roberts, Arts Reporter

Gendeminas Taranda, dancer of heroic ballet roles

A LEADING dancer with the Bolshoi Ballet has been sacked by the artistic director, provoking a near-riot at the company's theatre in Moscow.

The dismissal of Gendeminas Taranda, who dances the great heroic roles, comes as the company is preparing for a British tour in which he was to star.

Taranda's departure was as dramatic as his dancing. An eye-witness said that earlier this week he walked on to the stage as the audience was filling the auditorium and the orchestra was warming up.

The one-time darling of the management began: "I want to say goodbye to you all." He thanked his colleagues, the musicians and the audience. He concluded: "I have been sacked by the administration." The theatre erupted. Yuri Grigorovich, the artistic director, shouted "Arrest him", but other soloists tried to stop security guards getting to the dancer. The audience, initially stunned into silence, began to shout.

Eventually, Taranda took his place in the audience and the performance, in which he had no part, was able to start.

The sacking was for being "absent from work ... without valid reason", according to the general director. It will shock international ballet circles and could spell the end of an era for the Bolshoi.

Taranda's performances abroad, organised independently of the company, have been frowned upon for some time and his dismissal will be seen as a crackdown on unofficial foreign trips. It will also be seen as a desperate move by Grigorovich who, insiders say, is battling to retain control of the company.

The autocratic director brings the Bolshoi to Britain in June. The company will dance in Manchester, Birmingham and at three castles, Highclere, Howard and Leeds.

Derek Block, the Bolshoi's British promoter, who has just returned from Moscow, said Grigorovich appeared "in the driving seat. He has just been given 50 million roubles for a new production of *Don Quixote*. He is king of the castle." Mr Block added: "Of course we are disappointed that Taranda will not be coming to Britain, but there are many young stars who will be breathtaking."

Credo

Finding God in the death camps

Rabbi Dr Dan Cohn-Sherbok

The film *Schindler's List* raises the deeply troubling question of God's presence in the death camps. Where was God when six million died? The 20th century has never presented a more serious religious question, and over the past 40 years it has haunted a series of Jewish writers. The novelist and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel has provided an answer.

In his novel *Night*, Wiesel relates how one day the SS guards hanged two Jewish men and a young boy in front of the entire camp. The men died quickly, but the child did not. Describing this scene, Wiesel wrote that he heard someone ask: Where is God? Where is He? For more than an hour the child stayed there, dying in slow agony. Wiesel continued: "I heard the same man asking: Where is God now? And I heard a voice within me answer him: Where is He? Here He is — He is hanging here on this gallows."

For Wiesel, God is not an impassive presence in the universe; rather He suffers when His people endure misery and death. As a compassionate and consoling God, he weeps for the Jewish people in their distress and rejoices in the faith of those who hold steadfast to Him despite their agony.

Here in Wiesel's vision of a suffering God is a response to those who maintain that religious faith has been eclipsed by the horrors of the Holocaust. If the God of Israel is a God of love, such love must be both costly and sacrificial: it must embrace and share in the suffering of those who are loved.

The Hebrew Scriptures speak most acutely of such divine suffering. According to the biblical prophets, God is in pain when His people go astray. As Jeremiah put it: "As often as I turn my back on him (Israel), I still remember him; and so my heart yearns for him." (Jer. xxxi.20) Such suffering is central to God's love: He is not a detached being who stands aloof from human affairs. Instead God is with His people in their trials and tribulations. Thus in the death camps, the God of Israel was the Hidden God, who was with His loved ones as they went to their deaths. These Jews who died in the camps with God's name on their lips glimpsed His anguish in their anguish. In some mysterious way His absence amid the horrors of the death camps was an affirmation of His abiding presence. Obviously this was not true for everyone. For many, Auschwitz was the final confirmation that there is no God. Yet for others it was in the depth of the darkness that God was to be found. Today we are faced with natural disasters and conflicts in many parts of the world. How should we respond to the pictures of suffering every day in newspapers?

At the very least we may be confident that God does not abandon His creatures. Even in the Gehenna of the Holocaust, He could be found. As the contemporary theologian Jürgen Moltmann remarked, "There would be no theology after Auschwitz ... had there been no theology in Auschwitz."

This theology gives us a glimpse of the love of God, a glimpse of His compassion. It is an extraordinary mystery but we believe that our God is the one who enters the depths of degradation with us and is there always sharing our suffering.

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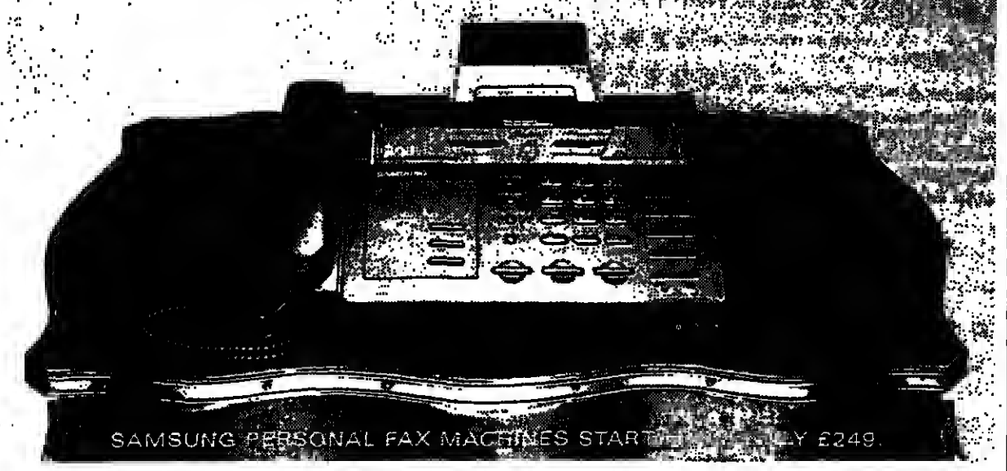

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Israeli Arabs break diplomatic ice with historic trip to Syria

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

■ A delegation of senior Israeli Arabs will meet President Assad next week, raising hopes of renewed peace negotiations

SCORES of prominent Israeli Arabs, including two members of the Knesset, were yesterday making final preparations for an historic first visit to Syria by an official Israeli delegation. In what is billed as a possible breakthrough in relations between the warring neighbours, 31 Israeli Arabs will next week arrive in Damascus to meet President Assad.

Abdul Wahad Darawshe, who represents the tiny Arab Democratic Party in parliament and who initiated the trip, emphasised yesterday that it was mainly to offer condolences to the Syrian leader on the death of his son Bassel, killed in a car crash earlier this year, but added: "It may project a better atmosphere. I believe the visit will have a positive impact on peace."

Although the delegation of politicians, religious leaders, writers and journalists cannot directly affect the course of more than two years of largely inconclusive peace talks, the presence of such a large group of Israelis in Damascus is bound to improve the climate for dialogue.

After President Clinton met President Assad in Geneva last month there were hopes of a breakthrough in the "land for peace" negotiations over the Golan Heights, captured by Israel in 1967. The Israelis, however, are still not prepared to say how much of the strategic ridge they are ready to give back; Syria, in turn, refuses to specify just what it means by peace with Israel.

Relations appeared to be deteriorating earlier this week after guerrillas allied to Syria fired a Katyusha rocket from southern Lebanon into northern Israel. Yesterday, however, Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, described the impending trip as "a positive signal".

Edward Djerejian, the American ambassador in Tel Aviv, previously in Damascus, predicted yesterday that President Assad would reach agreement with Israel. "I think Assad is serious about making peace with Israel," he told *Yedioth Aronoth*, the Hebrew daily, adding: "He can deliver on his commitment."

The visit has also underscored the growing role of Israel's 800,000 Arabs. At the height of the Arab-Israeli conflict, they were shunned by both sides; since the peace agreement between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation last September, however, they have been at the forefront of bridging gaps between the two communities.

SIMON WALKER

Jason Pool, a Neighbourhood Watch volunteer, standing guard outside a school in Mitchell's Plain, near Cape Town

Township falls under shadow of serial killer

FROM SAM KILEY IN CAPE TOWN

AS THE dawn of the new South Africa approaches, Mitchell's Plain, with its 160,000 pupils in school, should be bursting with youthful optimism. But since 11 children were murdered by the Station Strangler last month, the Cape Town township has fallen under the shadow of a perverted murderer.

The killer, who earned his name by abducting young boys from railway station environs, has sodomised and murdered at least 21 children since 1986. The last bodies were found on January 17. "The strangler will strike again, I am certain of it. His behaviour is expected to get increasingly deviant," Colonel Leonard Knipe, the Cape police chief, said. Colonel Knipe's 20 detectives are prising the lid off a Pandora's box of deviant behaviour as they search for the lone sadist who has begun to taunt their efforts.

In interviews with 640 white and Coloured suspects, Colonel Knipe said he had been horrified by the widespread child abuse he has uncovered in the Coloured township of 1.5 million people. This week a man no longer linked to the strangler killings has been implicated in at least 15 cases of child molesting.

"The level of sex crime on Mitchell's Plain is staggering," Colonel Knipe, a veteran policeman with 16 years in the murder squad, said. Facing 50 per cent unemployment, Mitchell's Plain parents, forced to live in the township which is an hour by bus from Cape Town, under apartheid's now defunct Group Areas Act, still spend most of the day looking for work. Their children are left in the care of schools that resemble prisons.

Armed Neighbourhood Watch volunteers stand guard at locked gates to primary schools and escort children home while the strangler mocks them from the shadows. The volunteers are a welcome sight to visitors, too. Three men, strangers to the community, have narrowly escaped lynching by angry mobs. Rumours that the police had arrested the strangler sparked a recent gun battle between vigilantes and police who had to open their cells to prove he was not being held.

A note found on the body of his fourteenth victim said: "One more body, plenty more in store." Like the last ten, the body was found in one of two sites under bushes in otherwise barren sand dunes.

In the absence of clues other than the note, some sperm and a notebook filled with sadistic fantasies, the Station Strangler has grown into a mythical figure. "People feel he's an occult figure, an urban vampire. It is well known that devil-worshippers offer blood sacrifices to protect them. That may be why he has not been caught," Pastor Danny Brown, a member of the police community forum in Mitchell's Plain, said.

ANC relying on white officers for law and order

BY R. W. JOHNSON

ALTHOUGH pictures of Nelson Mandela revisiting Robben Island hogged South Africa's election limelight last week, by far the most significant news was that the multiparty national peacekeeping force, set up to control unrest during the election campaign, will not be trained in time.

This casts a long shadow over the future, coming as it does after reports of drunkenness, desertion and mutiny at the Bloemfontein training camp. Such reports are damaging to the credibility of the Transitional Executive Council, for the TEC stands or falls on its authority as a guarantor of law and order. But the worry goes deeper than that. Time and again the bottom line to stability has been provided by the army's ability to bring townships under control. If the peace force, integrating African National Congress and Pan Africanist Congress guerrillas, black homeland armies and the white-officered South African Defence Force (SADF), cannot run its training camp or be trained in time, then either the SADF will keep order or nobody will.

Terre'Blanche: heavily armed private army

Moreover, the peacekeepers are intended to provide the nucleus of the new model army. But if licking the 3,500-strong force into shape is proving this difficult, what price the new army?

The precedents are not promising. South Africa has had six armies. All four of the "independent" black homeland armies have attempted coups, while the ANC's guerrilla army experienced mutinies in its camps in Angola and Tanzania. This leaves the SADF. And while the SADF has always obeyed its political masters, it is no secret that many officers sympathise with the white right. Faced by ANC recruits chanting anti-white songs and threatening to kill white officers, such officers might well defect. But if the army cannot hold together, all is lost. The spectre which haunts Africa is that of an out-of-control soldiery. All the continent's worst horror cases have seen armies disintegrating into bands of brigands, looting, raping and holding to ransom the countries they were supposed to protect.

The key problem is that only the SADF's existing white officer corps can provide a disciplined professional backbone, yet it is politically unacceptable. The ANC has another way out: bringing in the homeland army leaders. Thus General Bantu Holomisa of Transkei (who seized power in a coup) now occupies a top position on the ANC election list. Brigadier Gabriel Ramushwana, the military ruler of Venda, who faces charges of theft from pension funds, is head of the peacekeeping force. It is difficult to believe that rewarding such leaders can do anything other than store up trouble.

Eugene Terre'Blanche's Afrikaner Resistance Movement constitutes another well-armed private army. There are reports of heavy guns and armoured vehicles finding their way to white vigilante groups. In many townships, the ANC's self-defence unit has become a dominating presence, out of ANC control and disdainful of it. Millions of citizens own guns.

The only hope an ANC government has of maintaining order lies with the SADF. This is why the ANC cannot rule without the National Party, for to exclude them would risk defection by the SADF high command.

Former allies battle for power in Sabah

BY MATT GEORGE

THE east Malaysian state of Sabah went to the polls today with Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister, saying the state faced a "Bosnian future" if Datuk Dr Joseph Pairin Kitingan, its Catholic Chief Minister, is re-elected to power.

In raising this vision of violence, Dr Mahathir has resorted again to the race and religious cards to wrest control of the Borneo state, which has been ruled by for the past decade by Dr Pairin. Previously, a member of Dr Mahathir's governing National Front coalition, the Christian Chief Minister joined a rival group at the last general election in 1990.

That act of "betrayal" has rankled, just as much as a Christian being head of a state in a Muslim nation. There have been various attempts since to undermine Dr Pairin's rule, culminating in his being found guilty of corruption. The court, however, merely fined Dr Pairin M$1,800 (£450). M$200 short of disqualifying him from holding political office.

Accusing the state of squandering its resources, Dr Mahathir has promised M$700 million in development funds if the 600,000 voters oust the "corrupt" Chief Minister, whose support comes largely from the indigenous Kadazan, Dusun and Murut population. Dr Pairin alleges that the Mahathir government has been channelling funds due to the state directly to federal-controlled institutions so that he cannot claim credit for improving the livelihood of the people.

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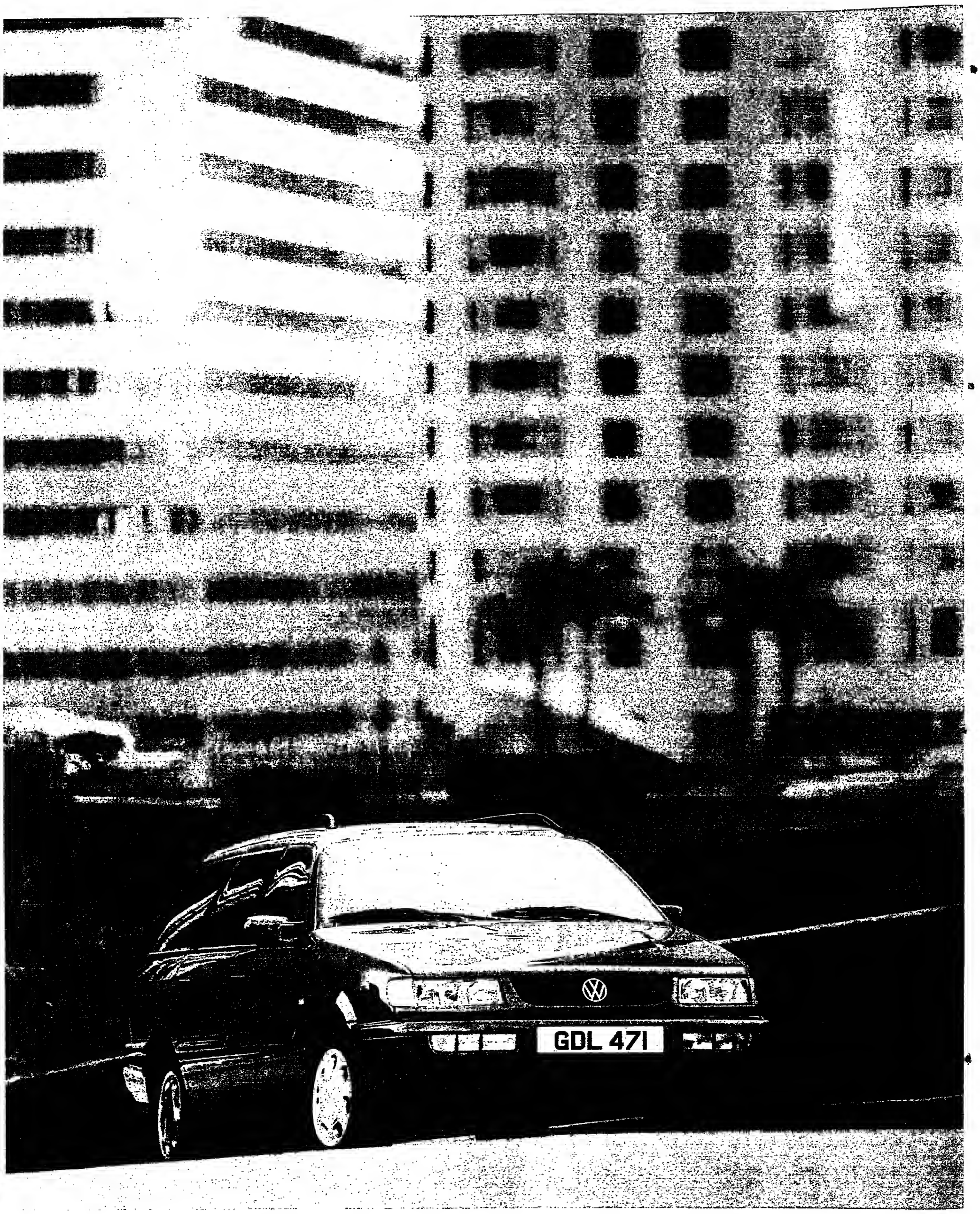

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Senate ambitions of brother-in-law spell trouble for Clinton

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Clinton is facing embarrassment in the form of an imminent declaration by his brother-in-law, a political novice, that he is running for the Senate.

Hugh Rodham, Hillary Clinton's younger brother, is due to appear on the *Larry King Live* show on Monday week to announce that he intends to seek the Democratic nomination to challenge Connie Mack, Florida's popular Republican senator, in November.

Mr Rodham, 43, a cheery and mustachioed man of formidable girth, has spent the past 14 years working as an assistant public defender in Miami. He lacks funding and a political organisation and appears to be naively hoping that he can ride into office purely on his sister's fame.

His one previous taste of Washington came when critics forced him to abandon attempts to solicit corporate donations for an inaugural party for his friends and family last year. A recent poll suggested he would win just 16 per cent of the vote against Mr Mack, who is considered impregnable. The White House is refusing to comment, but aides are said privately to have warned Mr Rodham that he would hurt the President if he performed disastrously. Michael Copperthite, Mr Rodham's campaign manager, has been trying to persuade Mrs Clinton to tour Florida with her brother on the day after his declaration. He does not appear to have succeeded, but it is doubtful that the President and First Lady could avoid America's fourth largest state for the next nine months.

Mr Rodham is being depicted as something of a buffoon in the media and Florida's Republican Party can scarcely believe its luck. "I keep crossing my fingers for Hugh Rodham. I find that prospect delicious," Tom Slade, the party chairman, who sees the race as an opportunity to embarrass the Clintons, said. "Hugh Rodham's candidacy is a joke," an aide to Mr Mack commented.

Mr Rodham, who told *The New York Times* he was married to a lawyer of "Cuban distraction", said he had decided to run because of Mr Mack's opposition to his sister's health care plan and to gun control. Asked about his platform, he replied: "To me, this whole thing is wrapped up in a very small nutshell and what that is is that I have the ideas for the future and I want to see the people in this state prosper."

He said he had discussed his candidacy with Mr Clinton, and it appears the President tried to discourage his brother-in-law. Mr Rodham said Mr Clinton was worried about what was in store for him because "he sees me as more of an idealist".

President trips over little piece of grass

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

IT WAS the sort of hail fellow, nudge nudge, all mates together remark that a President might well make to a largely male audience of Louisiana factory workers. But it has backfired.

President Clinton was addressing the car makers last week and reminiscing about a lorry he had owned, an El Camino pickup, in the 1970s. He had lined the bed with Astroturf, he said. "You don't want to know why, but I did," the President added with a unmistakeably salacious smirk. The crowd burst into appreciative laughter.

But now Mr Clinton's lorryhas come back to haunt him. Did the President mean to suggest that he had used the truck to lure Arkansas maidens on to his Astroturf for earthy purposes? And if so, was that remark not a little off-colour for a President accused of extra-marital philandering?

When those questions were put to Mr Clinton oo a New York radio talk show on Thursday, he countered: "It wasn't for what everbody thought it was for when I made that comment, I'll tell you that."

Finally Mr Clinton came up with an explanation. The Astroturf was a carpet to provide a softer bed for his luggage.

Tonya Harding smiling as she adjusts her jacket during tough questions at a Lillehammer press conference

Skaters' talks fail to produce Olympic thaw

TONYA Harding and Nancy Kerrigan, the American ice skaters, continued to ignore each other during training sessions for the Winter Olympics in Norway yesterday, though Harding revealed later that they had met off-ice and exchanged words (Michael Coleman writes from Hamar).

"I have a great deal of respect for Nancy and we met briefly and had a conversation, but it's private," Harding said at a press conference in Lillehammer arranged by the United States Olympic Committee. It followed ooe given by Kerrigan on Saturday. Harding said she was very upset about recent developments. "If you were in my position, how would you feel?"

The story has entered the media stratosphere in the United States, eclipsing all other Olympic events (indeed, all other news events, including those in Bosnia-Herzegovina) and throughly obscuring the fact that neither skater is the favourite to win next Wednesday's figure skating competition. This tale of knee-clubbing, rivalry and ice queens locked in a heated battle on a slippery surface has prompted near-meltdown. Newspapers publish daily supplements devoted to the controversy.

About 7,000 journalists are covering the Winter Games in Norway. "That's not enough," observes Dave Barry, the American humourist. "You oeed 11,000 on Nancy just in case she ever says anything. And I don't know if there's enough journalists alive to cover Tonya. I'm sure journalism schools are running emergency programmes, rushing students through as fast as they can, just to get them here in time to cover the story."

Britain to honour nuclear dump ban

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BRITAIN will comply with an international ban on the dumping of nuclear waste at sea, reversing its previous resistance. The ban was agreed at a convention in London last November.

In a statement to Parliament yesterday, Gillian Shephard, the Minister of Agriculture, said Britain was still not convinced by the scientific evidence against dumping, but recognised that dumping was not "a practical proposition". Britain has not, in fact, disposed of radioactive waste at sea since 1983.

In Brussels, an Environment Ministry official said Belgium had also changed its mind and was prepared to accept the ban.

China, which has 38 offshore dump sites, announced yesterday that it will phase out sea disposal of industrial waste. It previously allowed dumping of low-level radioactive waste, but a spokesman for the State Bureau of Oceanography said that, in future, any disposal without permission would be severely punished.

Britain's earlier objections to the ban were related to its difficulties in disposing of ageing nuclear submarines. International concern will now focus on Russia, which has already dumped submarine nuclear reactors in the Barents Sea and last year pumped liquid nuclear waste into the Sea of Japan.

Moscow suspended pumping after Japanese protests, but threatens to resume disposal because waste tanks close to the shore are decaying and beginning to leak.

Gangsters of Naples bid farewell to arms

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

HUNDREDS of gangsters in the Camorra, the vicious Neapolitan version of the Mafia, are surrendering their guns to authorites and plan to reform their violent ways, judicial sources said yesterday.

Police in the ancient university town of Salerno, acting on an anonymous letter from the organisation, on Thursday discovered a Fiat Tipo car crammed with hand-bombs, sub-machineguns, sawn-off shotguns, Beretta pistols and ammunition.

"Farewell to arms from the *camorristi* in crisis," the newspaper *Il Messaggero* commented in its front-page story on the affair.

Camorra bosses from important Neapolitan clans first indicated their intention to dissociate themselves from organised crime several weeks ago. Their desire to reform was expressed in contacts between the Camorra and an anti-Mafia bishop, Monsignor Antonio Riboldi of the diocese of Acerra, one of the toughest districts of Naples.

"The arsenal in the car is the first sign that the *camorristi* are serious about surrendering," Mgr Riboldi said. "Other signs will follow."

Neapolitan investigators are wary of the apparent change of heart, for fear it might be a ploy to lull them into a false sense of security. The letter tipping them off about the arsenal was passed to Judge Alfredo Greco, who received it from a lawyer with Camorra contacts. "This is a great revolution that until a few days ago was unthinkable," Mgr Riboldi said. "Evidently there are people who have understood that a man is not such when he shoots but is great above all when he recognises his errors."

Judge Greco said: "I think that what happened is certainly important. There has never been behaviour of this kind before. These arms could be taken as a signal of surrender, if the state assumes the attitude that these gentlemen hope it will."

Man from Interpol dons new disguise

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

MENTION the man from Interpol and the image that springs to mind is that of the super-sleuth stepping off the Orient Express or a jet to collar some global villain. However, the International Criminal Police Organisation, launched 70 years ago as a clearing house for information, was long regarded by other forces as something of an irrelevance, if oot a joke, so slow at passing on data that criminals would die of old age before being nabbed. This image, the man from Interpol says, is outdated.

Serge Sabourin, a senior official at Interpol's headquarters in Lyons, is in charge of Interpol's pride and joy, the automated search and archive section. The computer system has replaced rooms full of card indexes and offers global access to files on four million criminals. The system was one of the innovations of Raymond Kendall, the former Scotland Yard superintendent who has been Interpol's Secretary-General since 1985, and has been developed since Interpol moved from Paris in 1989.

The scene in the building, usually off limits to visitors, looks like the nerve centre of one of those secret intelligence outfits beloved of 1960s films. Young staff sit tapping away in front of computer screens in high-tech offices around a leafy atrium. On the walls are pictures of stolen art objects and the features of felons.

M Sabourin, a Belgian, calls up files, electronic fingerprints and mug shots at the flick of a button. Aliases, habits and favourite haunts flash up on the screen. The idea is that police forces in all Interpol's 174 member countries will have instant access to the data.

In a new criminal intelligence unit, an American analyst was using computer graphics to unravel international networks of paedophiles. The same computer was used recently for a case in which it traced connections among 16,000 bank accounts.

Streisand sells off her art collection

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

AN $800,000 Tiffany Cobweb lamp belonging to Barbra Streisand has gone on show in a Los Angeles club, prompting praise for the film star's taste and business acumen, and speculation as to why she wants to sell it.

The lamp is one of more than 400 pieces of 20th-century decorative and fine art from Streisand's collection to be auctioned at Christie's in New York on March 3 and 4.

In a climate of resurgent Streisand mania, after two concerts in Las Vegas at the new year for which she was paid a record $20 million, and then announcement of a tour later this year, the collection is expected to raise about $4 million (nearly £3 million).

Other notable items in the sale include a Tiffany peony lamp expected to fetch $250,000 to $350,000, and a painting by Tamara de Lempicka entitled *Adam and Eve*, valued at up to $800,000.

Streisand: wishes to simplify her lifestyle

Streisand explained her decision to sell as part of a drive to simplify her life. "I don't want to spend so much time being preoccupied with objects," she said. "I only want two houses, rather than seven. I just want less."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mubarak plotters sentenced

Cairo: Three soldiers linked to Islamic militants have been condemned to death by a military court and three others sentenced to hard labour for plotting to assassinate President Mubarak of Egypt.

Court sources said yesterday that the six had planted explosives at the airport in Sidi Barrani in December and planned to detonate the bombs during a visit by Mr Mubarak, who often meets Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Gaddafi in the border town. The trial, which began on January 30, was held behind closed doors. The latest verdicts raised to 43 the number of militants sent to death row since October 1992. *(AFP)*

Tunisia's claim

Cairo: Tunisia said it ordered the expulsion of Alfred Hermida, North Africa correspondent for the BBC and *The Times*, because he gave too much emphasis to the Islamic struggle against the government. He has been given a week to leave the country.

'Bandit' paroled

Delhi: India's Supreme Court has ordered that Phoolan Devi, the legendary "bandit queen" who has been jailed without trial since 1983, be released on parole since the Uttar Pradesh state government said it was withdrawing all its charges against her. *(Reuter)*

Suicide trial

Detroit: A Michigan judge ordered Dr Jack Kevorkian, who has participated in 20 suicides since 1990, to stand trial for violating the state's controversial assisted suicide law for his role in the death last August of a man suffering from a terminal disease. *(Reuter)*

Killed in rush

Peking: A stampede by passengers changing trains in the central town of Hengyang killed dozens of people travelling after the holiday celebrating the Chinese New Year. The state-cootrolled media carried no reports of the accident. *(Reuter)*

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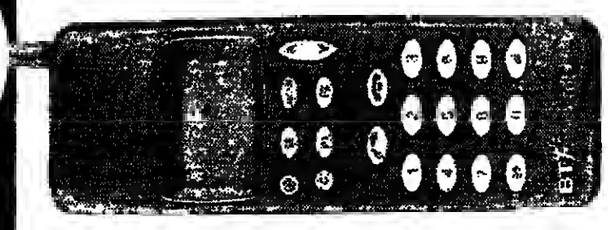

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Yeltsin stakes his authority in gamble to avert air strikes

Yeltsin: will reap benefit if his pressure ploy works

FROM MISHA GLENNY IN SARAJEVO

■ The Russian leader is forced to play to the domestic gallery. His fear is that Nato air attacks on the Serbs will boost the popularity of the far right

PRESIDENT Yeltsin's appeal to the Bosnian Serbs to comply with the Nato ultimatum is a desperate yet brilliant attempt to stave off the use of air strikes on Serb positions near Sarajevo. If the ploy works — it also involves the stationing of Russian troops on the hills round Sarajevo — Mr Yeltsin and Vitali Churkin, his special envoy, may take credit for reducing tension throughout the Balkans.

Until Mr Yeltsin's offer, which gives the Serbs the possibility of a dignified withdrawal, the Clinton Administration appeared convinced that air strikes would be necessary. Last night Lee Hamilton, Democratic chairman of the House foreign affairs committee, called the Russian move "heartening", although he said many in Washington remained sceptical because of past experiences in dealing with the Bosnian Serbs.

Throughout the Yugoslav crisis, Mr Hamilton has opposed the use of air strikes, although it is indicative of the determined mood in the American capital that he, too, has now put his authority behind the Nato ultimatum. Few in Washington, however, appeared to have paid much attention to the warnings emanating from Russia about the possible use of air power. The Kremlin has issued a categorical "nyet" to the idea, claiming that the action is illegal because it bypasses the UN Security Council. President Yeltsin is worried about the domestic political damage which an attack on the Serbs may do. As Mr Churkin pointed out recently: "We have such a thing as public opinion nowadays in Russia." An attack on the Serbs would lead to a boost in the ratings of such nationalists as Vladimir Zhirinovsky and a disturbing deterioration in relations between Moscow and Washington.

The UN has been encouraged by the Russian move, which seems to have been accompanied by an accelerated pullout of the Serb guns from around Sarajevo. Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose, British commander of the UN forces in Bosnia, must also be pleased by the arrival of Russian troops because he is short of manpower. Most of the UN troops taking over the Serb positions will be either British, French or Russian, which is by far the strongest combination of forces deployed by the UN anywhere in the former Yugoslavia.

The Bosnian government was quick to reject the plan to station Russian troops. Ejup Ganic, the Bosnian Vice-President, said that "the Russians would simply assume the role of the Serbs around the hills". The Bosnians are strongly in favour of Nato intervention because of the tactical advantage this would give them. A Serb pullout from around the Bosnian capital, they argue, merely freezes the situation and does not amount to a lifting of the siege. The Bosnian Serbs regard the withdrawal as a substantial tactical setback, which is why the Russian guarantee was probably essential to persuade the Serbs to comply with the ultimatum.

There are still dangers ahead over the next two days. Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister, has issued a warning that the Bosnians must not exploit the Serb withdrawal. "It is important that the other side — the United States — must exploit this possibility for peace and make progressive steps on their side." The Russians argue that, were the Muslims to launch an infantry attack in the wake of the Serb pullout, the Serbs would be seeking vengeance within hours.

Even if the threatened air strikes do not go ahead, the international community faces an uphill struggle in trying to crack the Bosnian out. The Serbs are unlikely to agree to similar arrangements around other cities, as this would weaken their superior military position in Bosnia.

Mr Kozyrev has called for swift negotiations between the United States, Russia, the Bosnian government and the Bosnian Serbs. The Americans are still talking tough. Michael McCurry, the State Department spokesman, said that a demonstration of good faith by the Bosnian Serbs would not be enough. If they do not withdraw everything, "then they know what is going to happen".

President Yeltsin has invested considerable political capital in trying to halt Nato attacks. If he fails, his position in Russia would be seriously undermined.

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Sarajevo ultimatum

Nato bombers kept ready to pound Serbs

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT AND EVE-ANN PRENTICE

NATO aircraft remained on high alert last night to maintain maximum pressure on the Bosnian Serbs either to withdraw their heavy guns from around Sarajevo by midnight tomorrow or hand them over to the control of the United Nations.

Officials reaffirmed the alliance's determination to launch air strikes on any heavy guns failing to comply with the ultimatum, but acknowledged that the Serbs appeared to be engaged in a large-scale withdrawal.

Although Moscow's initiative on Thursday was being hailed by both Russian and Serb leaders as the key factor that persuaded the Serbs to remove their heavy artillery and mortars, the presence of 180 Nato bombers and other aircraft across the Adriatic has put muscle behind every diplomatic move.

Nato reconnaissance aircraft have photographed all the land in and around the Bosnian capital, pinpointing fixed gun positions. Ground reconnaissance has added to the list of potential targets.

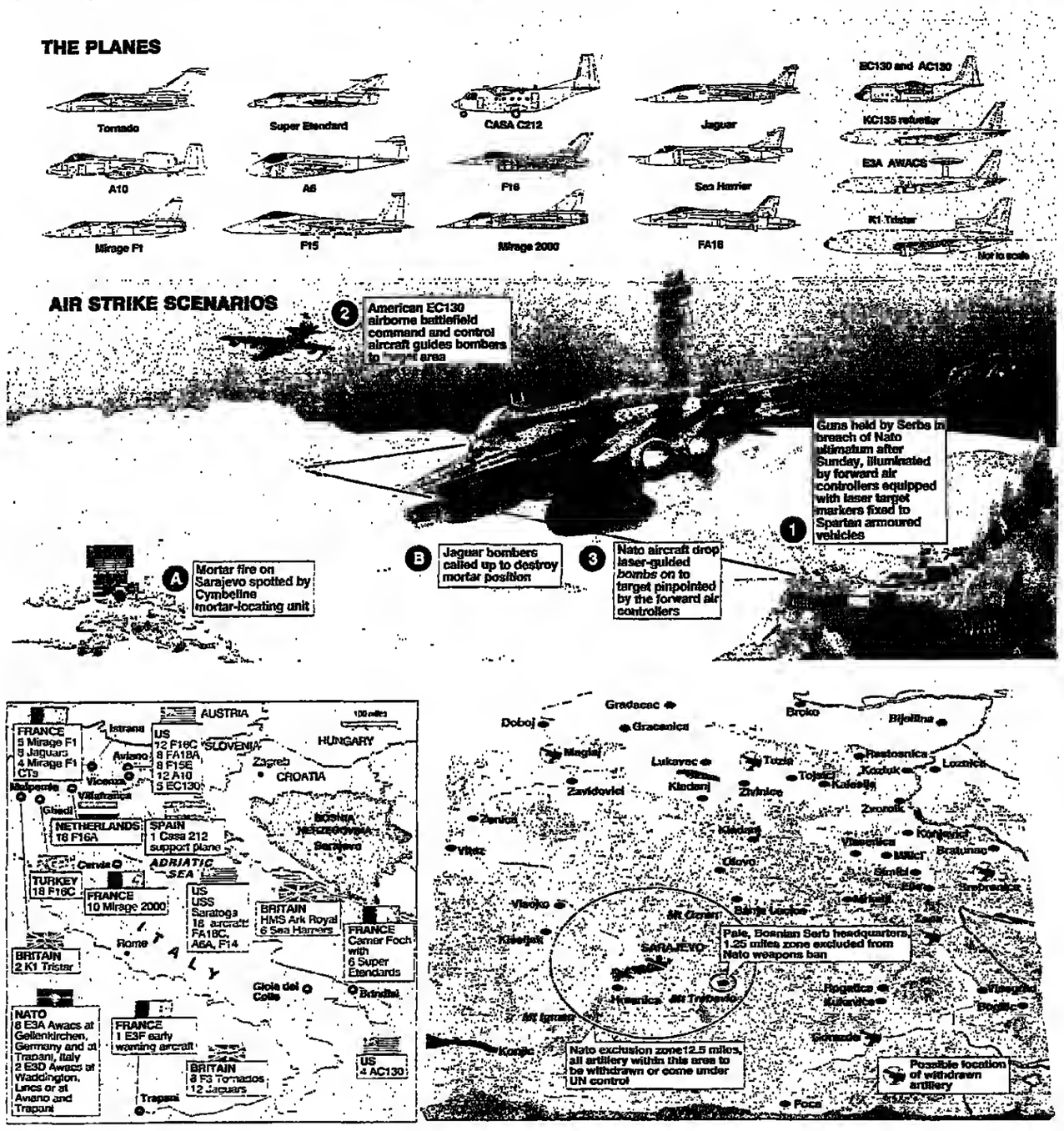
But Nato sources admitted last night that it would take some time after the deadline to check that the Serbs had met it in full. They said Nato and UN Protection Force (Unprofor) commanders were pooling intelligence to ensure that the whereabouts of the guns were known. Those not being withdrawn are being put under Unprofor control at five or six sites where they are guarded by armed troops.

The sources also emphasised that although Pale, the Bosnian Serb headquarters, was excluded from the Nato ultimatum and was ringed by a one-and-a-quarter-mile protection zone, any guns there that opened fire would be subjected to air strikes. "Pale is not going to become a safe shooting zone," one Nato official said.

Agreement by the Serbs to remove their guns from around Sarajevo created fears of more intense Serb action against other Muslim enclaves in Bosnia. Those fears seem well-founded. Dr Srdja Trifkovic, Bosnian Serb representative in London, said: "The Nato deadline was for the removal, not the impounding, of weapons outside the Sarajevo 12½-mile limit. In my opinion anyone who thinks that, in this three-sided war, the Serbs will not use them elsewhere is out of their tiny minds. Nato should have thought about their wording more carefully."

The fate of civilians in Bihac is especially perilous. Muslim-led government troops mutinied against the regime of President Izetbegovic last year and on Thursday they signed a truce with the Bosnian Serbs, leaving the government forces facing two armies, not one, in the region.

Almost no humanitarian aid has reached the area for weeks. Mirza Hajric, a spokesman for the Bosnian government, claimed last night that Fikret Abdic, who leads the Muslim rebels, was "paying the Serbs to shell government lines", adding: "He and the Serbs will settle their own bills later."



Brussels accuses Athens of abusing top post

BY MICHAEL BINYON AND GEORGE BROCK

GREECE'S decision to close Salonika to all traffic destined for the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia caused anger in Western capitals yesterday. The European Union issued blunt statements denouncing what members saw as Greek abuse of its presidency.

Britain sharply condemned the move, saying the Government was committed to the stability and sovereignty of Macedonia, under which the country has been recognised officially. The Foreign Office was "concerned" by the closure of the port saying: "We do not regard this as a constructive move at a time of heightened tension." It called on both countries to resume negotiations.

France summoned the Greek ambassador to voice its "acute concern" at the Greek move, and Jacques Delors, the president of the European Commission, issued an unusually sharp statement saying that the decision went against the best interest of European unity. "It is neither good for European construction nor for the *esprit de famille*."

Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, said in Athens that it expected Greece to retract its decision. However, Theodore Pangalos, Greek Foreign Minister for European Affairs, said the blockade would last until Skopje, the capital of the republic, bowed to Greece's demands.

The United States has expressed its "deep concern", calling in the Greek ambassador on Wednesday. Thomas Niles, the American ambassador to Athens, also delivered a message to Karolos Papoulias, the Greek Foreign Minister, on Thursday. Washington was angered by the attacks on its consulate in Salonika by demonstrators protesting against recent American recognition of Macedonia.

Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, will visit Greece in a week's time and will voice Britain's impatience with the Greek campaign against its northern neighbour. He will also make clear the general annoyance throughout the EU at what is seen as Greek nationalist posturing in the name of the EU presidency.

The issue will come to a head on Monday when the Foreign Ministers of the Twelve meet in Brussels. Greece is likely to hear angry complaints from its partners about its failure to consult them. The latest action has reinforced the fears that Greece is unwilling to act as an impartial leader on matters affecting the Balkans and its perceived national interests. European Commission officials yesterday were studying whether Greece's decision breaches EU law.

Wary Kremlin maintains its distance from West's policy

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA followed up its diplomatic success yesterday by issuing a warning against air strikes on Serb positions around Sarajevo and distancing itself from Nato policy.

President Yeltsin, in a message to President Minerrand of France, said that air strikes could have "terrible consequences" and destabilise Europe. Mr Yeltsin is reported to have made the same points in a telephone conversation with Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and in notes to other Western leaders.

Mr Yeltsin's press office said last night that "in exchanges of messages with leaders of states seeking a solution to the Bosnian crisis, the Russian President has emphasised the need for a political settlement and the necessity to stop the bloodshed". The Russian government is under enormous domestic pressure to support the Serbs, regarded as traditional Slav Orthodox allies. The Russian parliament is unanimously against air strikes, and the hardline opposition has accused the Yeltsin administration of cowardice and betrayal of Russian interests.

This means that, even if Russian diplomatic initiatives eventually work out in the West's favour, from now on they are likely to be portrayed by the Russian government as independent from or hostile to Western policy.

The Russian pressure on the Serbs saves face on all sides, except for the Bosnian Muslims who have protested against Russia's declared intention of sending peacekeeping troops to "all areas" of Bosnia. They believe that the intention of these "peacekeepers" may be less to keep the peace than to guarantee the Bosnian Serbs against any Muslim attempt to take advantage of their withdrawal, and against any Nato attempt to follow up this success by trying to roll back Serb advances in other areas, or lift other Serb sieges. A Russian guarantee along these lines would appear to be one reason why the Serbs withdrew.

The Russian peacekeeping forces in Croatia have been accused repeatedly of siding with the local Serbs. However, Sergei Stankevich, an adviser to Mr Yeltsin, said yesterday that Western forces are also liable to accusations of bias, and that Russian forces in Bosnia would be strictly loyal to the United Nations.

Bulgaria to tighten controls

Sofia: The Bulgarian government yesterday revealed violations of United Nations sanctions against Yugoslavia last year and promised to toughen border controls.

Hristo Kulishev, Deputy Finance Minister and head of the Customs Department, said his service reported to the prosecutor's office 13 attempts of violating the sanctions imposed on Yugoslavia in May 1993.

Giving details of more stringent controls, Mr Kulishev said they would primarily affect cargo trains. "All trains will be obliged to stop on the Bulgarian side of the border with Serbia. Cargo and documents will be checked only during daylight." *(AP)*

Peace plan threatens to freeze division of Bosnian capital

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

THE SAME United Nations peace plan that has stopped the brutal killing of Sarajevans may in the end divide the Bosnian capital along a "green line" like that of Nicosia and Beirut before it.

Even if the war around Sarajevo has at last been ended by the Nato ultimatum and Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose's plan, the blockade and division of the city are probably not.

Over the months and years ahead, access to the city for civilians and commercial traffic will mean the difference between life and death for the Bosnian capital. Though they have reluctantly ended their attacks on the city, the Bosnian Serbs are likely to continue blockading Sarajevo, as they have over the past 22 months. When international attention and resolve wanes, the besieging Serbs will still control all routes into the city.

They will allow some UN aid convoys to enter but commercial traffic, the key to Sarajevo's survival, is unlikely to be allowed to resume. No Western country is likely to go to war over commercial vehicle access to the city.

The Serbs will also hold on to the slices of the city now under their control. If the UN, as General Rose envisages, prevents either side from moving the confrontation line, Sarajevo will remain divided.

As the rebels planned before they began the siege of the city in April 1992, it will be cut in two by a "green line" separating Serb and largely Muslim quarters. The Rose plan could make that green line a permanent feature. Ironically, it was the green pen of a British general on peace-keeping duty in Cyprus decades ago that coined the term "green line".

The end to the Serbian shelling of Sarajevo, which the Nato air strike ultimatum was intended to force, would have changed the military equation around the city. Deprived of heavy weapons with which to pound the Bosnian front lines and residential areas, the Serb forces would have been unable to hold back the highly motivated Bosnian army troops, bent on breaking the grip of the besiegers.

"Tens of thousands of our citizens died here to prevent Sarajevo from being divided," said Ejup Ganic, a member of Bosnia's collective presidency. "We will never accept partition. We don't think the Berlin Wall should be built here."

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Burmese rail link built by forced labour

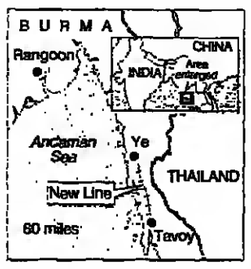
FROM REUTER IN BANGKOK

BURMA'S military government is press-ganging thousands of villagers to build a railway line in the southeast of the country, raising concern in Thailand that a wave of refugees will flee to the border.

Burmese guerrillas estimate that at least 10,000 villagers have been conscripted to work without pay on the 100-mile track from the town of Ye in Mon state to Tavoy in the Tenasserim Division to exploit a previously undeveloped part of the country. The total could be as high as 30,000.

The reports of forced labour come as the international spotlight has fallen on Burma with the meetings earlier this week, between Bill Richardson, an American congressman, and Aung San Suu Kyi, the detained opposition leader and Nobel peace prize winner. It was the first such meeting Daw Suu Kyi has been allowed since she was detained in July 1989. It led to speculation that Burma's military might be softening its grip on the country it has ruled since 1962.

Conscription of workers began at the start of the dry season late last year and it appears that the authorities are trying to complete the railway's construction before the rains in May.



Forced labour on public works is common in Burma. The army traditionally has press-ganged villagers as porters in its offensives against guerrilla groups. The state-run media often carry reports about such construction projects, but the villagers are always portrayed as enthusiastically donating their labour for the public good.

Refugee workers in Thailand, from Burma's Mon ethnic minority guerrilla group, said the villagers are being forced to clear the way for the line, then build an earthen embankment 13ft wide and 6ft 6in high. They are also ordered to cut timber to build barracks and hospitals along the route. Military supervisors provide no food or medicine.

To escape forced labour, hundreds have fled to the Burmese side of the border with Thailand, which is under the control of the Mon group. One human rights worker in Thailand said: "They are running away in small groups of five or so, but the guerrillas haven't got the resources to support them."

The villagers say many more people are abandoning their homes and making their way through the forest to the frontier. Thai authorities are planning to move about 8,000 Mon people from camps on the Thai side back into Burma.

About 60,000 refugees from Burma are already in camps in Thailand. Most of them are from ethnic minorities fleeing from the government's military operations.

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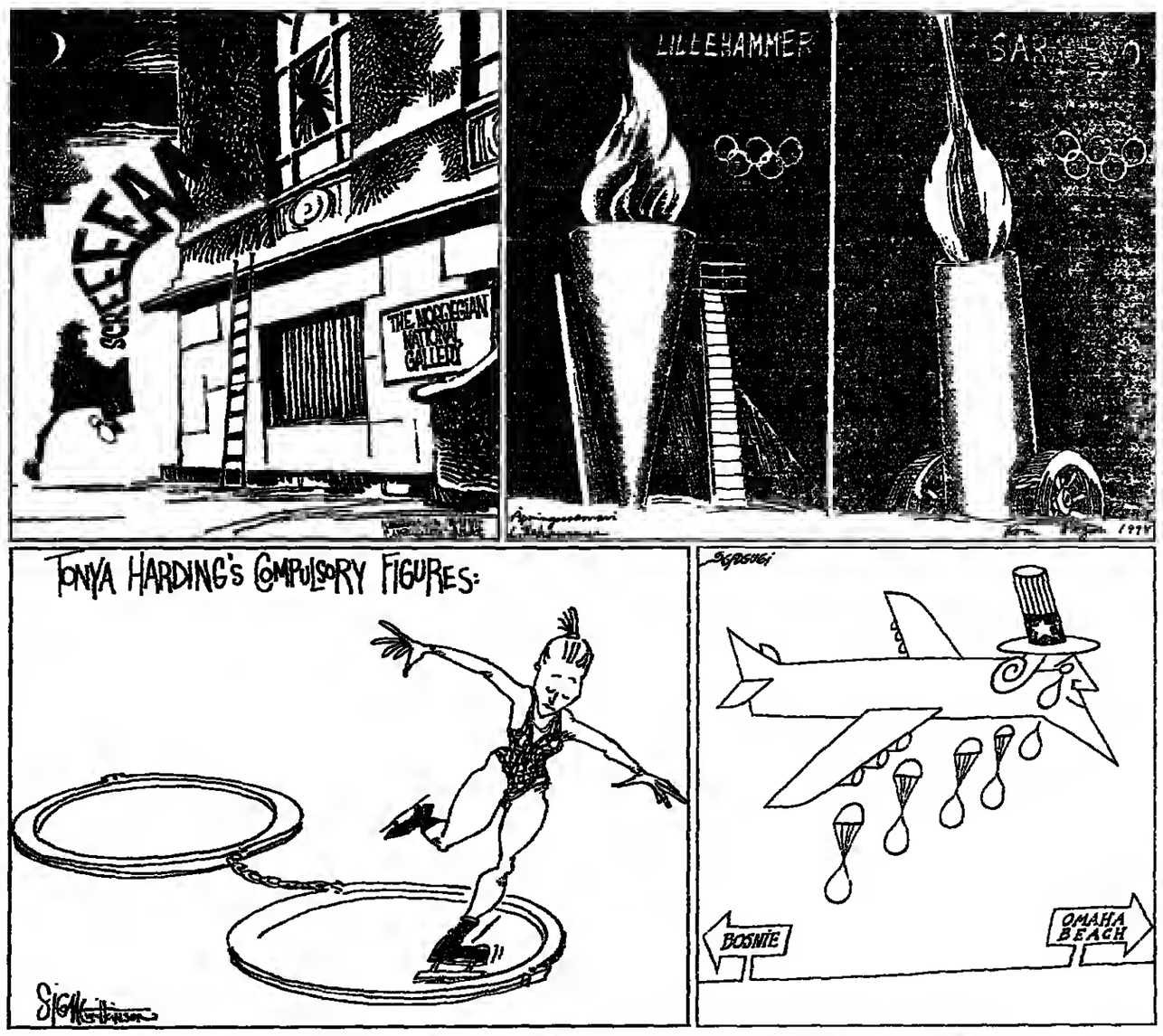

The political and social issues of the day, clockwise, from top left, as depicted by Skauge in *Klassekampen* (Oslo), Hagen in *Verdens Gang* (Oslo), Serguei in *Le Monde* (Paris) and Signe in the *Philadelphia Daily News*

Couple in cold after mix-up in Antarctic

FROM ROBERT COCKBURN IN SYDNEY

GREG Mortimer and Margaret Werner, from Sydney's beach suburb of Manly, were all set to become the first couple to try to live together alone through an Antarctic winter ... until yesterday, when they discovered their neighbours, Don and Margie McIntyre, had planned exactly the same escape to the equivalent of a cul-de-sac away from theirs at Cape Denison in Commonwealth Bay.

The clash has created consternation and embarrassment for Dick Smith, the *Australian Geographic* magazine adventurer, who was sponsoring Mr Mortimer and Ms Werner to undertake scientific work and test the extreme survival capabilities of a couple left to their own devices. "I'm just flabbergasted," Mr Smith told the *Sydney Morning Herald* as he postponed the couple's trip. "It's really all very embarrassing. They have rearranged their whole lives to be able to do this."

The saga of the two couples is being likened to the great race for the South Pole in 1911. The McIntyres will set off in December, bringing their venture, "Together Alone: Expedition Icebound", forward from its original departure date in 1997 for the chance of victory. They will conduct scientific research, make a documentary and open a facsimile link by satellite to Australian schools.

The couple say they have no problem in sharing the Antarctic with another couple. They said: "We are not fazed by having Greg and his wife there. In fact, we are happy to offer any available assistance to them if they want it. Being alone is not the objective or criterion of our trip."

Japan's women given tough lesson in sex harassment

FROM ROBERT STERN IN TOKYO

A SEXUAL harassment case is making headlines in Japan at a time when the economic slump has made the workplace an increasingly tough place for women.

The case involves Toru Yano, an eminent professor who resigned his Kyoto University post "for personal reasons" last December after eight personal assistants quit, in succession, accusing him of sexual harassment. Mr Yano shaved his head and retreated to a Buddhist temple to "search his soul", but was soon asked to leave after the head priest was besieged by angry protests from female academics.

Mr Yano, 57, is threatening to take his case to the courts. This week he announced he was suing the Education Minister for his reinstatement on the ground that he was not "of sound mind" when he resigned, and would demand libel damages from the women. Mr Yano claims that his main accuser, who said Mr Yano told her going to bed with him was part of her job, had misinterpreted his explanation that she might "sometimes have to work until 2 to 3 am to take international phone calls".

Mr Yano is claiming his human rights have been violated by his accusers because they have remained anonymous while naming him publicly. Mr Yano is a member of the Swedish Royal Academy of Sciences, the body that awards Nobel prizes, including the peace prize given to one of his former pupils, Aung San Suu Kyi, the Burmese dissident leader. The case highlights the difficulties Japanese working women face in exposing sexual harassment in Japan's male-dominated society, and the potential for men to abuse their status.

Suu Kyi: former pupil of Professor Yano

The concept of sexual harassment is relatively new to Japan. The first piece of legislation explicitly to ban the practice was passed in 1986, and the Labour Ministry did not officially define the term until late last year. The fact that the Japanese word *sekuhara* was borrowed from the English "sexual harassment" indicates its strangeness to a culture which expects women to be subservient.

While Japanese corporations issue employees sent overseas with detailed warnings on how to avoid potential *sekuhara* situations, few companies give employees at home any guidelines. If the concept of *sekuhara* is new to Japan, the practice of it is not. According to government surveys one in four working women has been harassed on the job at work — a gross underestimate according to Mayumi Makita, of the Women's Democratic Club, Japan's oldest women's rights group.

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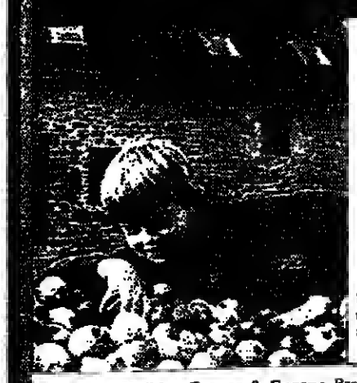

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The law must support the family, says **Piers Paul Read**, and lowering the age of homosexual consent would undermine it

Don't endorse moral deviancy

The proposal to change the age of consent for homosexual intercourse raises delicate and complex questions about the nature of our society and the purpose of the law. By and large, the British people like a minimum of constraint. The reaction against theocratic government following Puritan rule under Cromwell persists to this day. We often feel an involuntary disgust at the erotic antics of other people: the young are revolted by the idea of sex over the age of 30. But whatever the sternest moralists may think about adultery, say, or masturbation, there is no call that I know of to make either a crime.

Are homosexual acts different? In the Jewish and Christian traditions from which most of our shared values stem, they were always regarded as particularly abominable sins. In the old Catholic catechism they were among those "crying out to Heaven to vengeance". Public statements by the Chief Rabbi and the Pope in Rome may now be gentler in tone, but they have done nothing to modify the ancient condemnation. "Although the particular inclination of the homosexual person is not a sin," wrote Cardinal Ratziner in 1986 in a letter to all Catholic bishops approved by the Pope, "it is a . . . tendency ordered towards an intrinsic moral evil; and thus the inclination itself must be seen as an objective moral disorder."

It is often thought that this judgment comes only from scripture — the story of Sodom and Gomorrah, for example, or the several strictures by St Paul. However, it is more than a kind of 11th commandment. It stems from our understanding from the Book of Genesis that we were made "male and female" — that woman was God's primordial gift to man.

To many it is quite absurd that an ancient myth should affect our thinking on social legislation. Let people believe what they like but not impose those beliefs on others. But in the case of homosexual intercourse, revelation does not contradict but rather confirms what can be deduced by the use of reason. It is self-evident that homosexual acts frustrate the purpose for which our sexual organs were intended — to reproduce the species — whether they were designed by God or by the process of evolution. A farmer with a bull who would copulate only with other bulls would quickly send him to the knackers.

Because man is more than a purely biological organism, the imprint of this "natural law" is also found on his psyche. It is here that we come to the first but not necessarily the most important reason for retaining 21 as the age of consent to homosexual intercourse. Psychologists have identified the crucial importance of "gender identification" in the growth to maturity of a boy or a girl. A girl can conceive a child some time before she has learned what it means to be a woman: a boy can father a child some years before he has learned what it means to be a man. When a boy or a girl is initiated into sexual behaviour that is contrary to the norm for his or her gender, growth is thwarted and maturity frustrated.

There is no doubt that there are often causes of a homosexual predispesition which go back into the individual's childhood and for which the homosexual person is in no way to blame. The present law does not presume that homosexuals are only and always seduced by other homosexuals at a vulnerable age. But this does happen, particularly in single-sex schools, inflicting serious psychic damage on the children involved. As parents who have raised children know only too well, the turmoil usually associated with adolescence often lasts well into a child's late teens. It is implausible to suggest that children, on their 16th or 18th birthdays, suddenly become secure in their sexual identity and therefore invulnerable to seduction.

Advocates of a change in the law have suggested that a different age of consent for homosexuals is somehow a denial of a basic human right: that there should be equality before the law. This is bogus. Human rights are not plucked from the air or created in the columns of newspapers. Either they are deemed to have been given by God, or they have to be agreed by a community. Christian revelation, to which we largely owe the very idea that each human being is of equal worth, can hardly be claimed to have given homosexuals a right to perform acts that it so clearly condemns; and to suggest that the community has agreed such a right is to beg the question. There can be no right until the law has been changed.

If it is changed, it will be a capitulation to the specious reasoning of a vociferous minority by a long-suffering majority, browbeaten by the politically correct. Most of us are not homosexual, and, however tolerant by disposition, feel intuitively that homosexual acts are wrong, not so much in themselves as in their denial of the link between sexual love and procreation upon which both the stability of the family and the survival of the species depend.

"The view that homosexual activity is equivalent to, or as acceptable as, the sexual expression of conjugal love", wrote Cardinal Ratzinger, "has a direct impact on society's understanding of the nature and the rights of the family and puts them in jeopardy." This is not homophobia. It is the voice of both conscience and common sense.

It is utterly futile for Parliament or the Government to pursue growth in the economy or hope to reduce crime if it does not sustain this basic building-block of the community. Now, more than ever, the family and the moral values that sustain it require the support of the law.

Sarah Baxter argues that women at Westminster are more likely to be victims than temptresses

Who are the predators in the House?

Is it safe to be a male MP at the House of Commons? I only ask because they seem to have a hunted look about them right now. After Hartley Booth's unhappy experience, the most junior PPS has nightmares about finding himself called a "Top Tory" on the front page of the newspapers. Women are being kept away with garlic and the sign of the cross.

The Palace of Westminster, which once seemed to be so comfortingly woman-free, now appears to MPs to be positively crawling with groupies. The fear is that any one of them could turn out to be like 22-year-old Emily Barr, whom the *Daily Star* so charitably called a "grim little cow". In the words of Beryl Goldsmith, Lord Tebbit's formidable secretary: "You can hardly see if they have a mini-skirt on, because their jackets are so long all you see is their legs." How can a mere MP be expected to cope with such sexual harassment at work?

Encouraged by Lynda Lee-Potter in the *Daily Mail*, male MPs are beginning to see themselves as victims. There are "clever, ambitious girls", she tells us, who "select influential men, woo them, flatter them and exploit them". Clearly, I am going to have to adjust my thinking, because until now, I had the notion that the MPs were the predators.

In most large organisations, men are usually in control. But at the House of Commons this applies tenfold. The entire workplace revolves around the needs of 650 MPs, 90 per cent of whom are male. It is very difficult for them to regard women as their equals, when the only ones they meet are there to serve them. Of course, it is not always sex they are after. Jo-Ann Goodwin, a journalist and co-author of a humorous book on life at Westminster, was mistaken last week for a member of the Commons staff by a Labour whip who wanted to get into a locked office. "Run downstairs love and fetch the keys," he asked her.

Women journalists are in an intriguing position, because we do not keep to our place in the office or canteen. We stake out the members' lobby alongside the men, invading the private space where MPs gather to exchange confidences with journalists. Julia Langdon, formerly political editor of *The Sunday Telegraph*, recalls standing in the lobby some years ago with Elinor Goodman of *Channel 4 News*, when an elderly MP snorted audibly: "This place gets more like the Reeperbahn every day."

Even today, few women journalists I know enjoy hanging around the lobby hoping to catch the eye of an MP. The parallels with standing on a street corner jangling keys are obvious.

Once you have been "picked up", the challenge is to keep MPs talking about politics. It does not conform to their idea of normal conversation with a woman. It is not only women journalists or researchers who suffer from this. Virginia Bottomley MP once said that she only discovered what sexual harassment was when she entered the Commons. There was nothing crude about her colleagues' behaviour, but she felt suffocated by their "effusive gallantry".

The distinction between old-fashioned courtesy and a chat-up can easily be blurred. If an MP takes you by the arm and pays you little compliments, is he being chivalrous or hoping for a response? Hartley Booth says he was seduced by Emily Barr, but I have my doubts. Ambiguity is all in these encounters. If you follow Lynda Lee-Potter's advice and "say something short, sharp and dismissive if there is the slightest hint of flattery or sexual innuendo", you are in danger of being considered vain and presumptuous. If you show the slightest sign of being impressed, you are at risk of being pounced on.

Most women at the House of Commons are highly skilled at negotiating these difficult waters. You soon learn how to knock compliments back or ignore them. But it is not a fair game. As in the case of Hartley Booth and Emily Barr, MPs are frequently much older than the women they encounter. What is more, they are generally in a position of power. As regards secretaries and researchers, they are often the employers.

During the past week, I have listened to many justifications for MPs' conduct. They work and play hard: they have spare adrenalin after all their high jinks in the chamber; and they have learned, like Henry Kissinger, that "power is an aphrodisiac". That way, even the most unappealing man can convince himself that he is an attractive human being.

I am afraid they are suffering from a fundamental delusion. MPs like to believe that it is their status as elected representatives of the people that impresses, when the sad truth is that their behaviour is no different from that of other lecherous bosses. They could be selling double-glazing and exploiting the same advantage.

> Few women enjoy hanging around the lobby as if it were a street corner

Women journalists are in a position of greater independence than secretaries and researchers. We can always strike back and be rude about people in print. Nevertheless, our job also involves being nice to our "contacts". It is easier for male journalists to make friends with MPs — go to lunch with them, have a drink in Annie's Bar at the Commons, and so on — without their overtures being misunderstood.

Despite this, we are frequently considered to have all the advantages. When I and some other women lobby-journalists formed our own dining club last year and invited women politicians to join us, gossip about the "petticoat brigade" spread around the press gallery. The men were afraid that we were excluding them from stories. Yet we are forbidden as a sex to belong to the Garrick Club, where so many journalists rub shoulders with politicians.

We are also thought to be able to charm MPs into telling us more than they ought to (remember the furore over Ginny Dougary's supposed "entrapment" of Norman Lamont in her *Times* interview?).

I believe, on the contrary, that it would make our professional jobs easier if we were always treated professionally. At last year's party conferences, another woman journalist invited me to team up with her for a round of dinners with MPs, so that we would not have to worry about tired and emotional behaviour.

I don't mean to write off all male MPs as unreconstructed male chauvinists. It is just the idea that they are the victims which bothers me. Nor do I believe that all women are exploited. There is one thing that unites us all, whether we are MPs, journalists, secretaries or researchers. Our first love is politics.

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Choosing self-destruction

Matthew Parris says the drugs crusade will be an embarrassing Tory failure

So the Home Secretary is to quintuple the maximum penalty for possession of marijuana. Presumably the sharper end of the press has already started the hunt for Tory MPs who smoke, or have smoked or are friendly with people who smoke, or been in the company of other people smoking, or have children who smoke, or children who did once smoke, or children prepared to go on record as saying citizens ought to be allowed to smoke marijuana. They will not find it difficult. The majority of my generation and class have tried dope, and a significant minority have stayed with it.

I have no axe to grind for them. I find serious drug-users boring and feel a slight puritanical distaste for anything which alters our perceptions, including anaesthetics, aspirins and sunglasses. But I am sick of all the cant about drugs.

One credits this Home Secretary with the intelligence to realise that these moves will not help. So I think we can rule out the idea that he hopes to curb the use of marijuana. That leaves two possible explanations. The first is that Mr Howard is deciding Home Office initiatives by selecting them from a large sheet of paper, blindfold, with a pin. The second is that he expects political advantage from the move.

He could well be mistaken. To a far greater extent than the older Tory MPs realise, this is a middle-class drug. Marijuana is the gin-and-tonic of the drugs scene.

Like the President of the United States, I first tried marijuana at Oxbridge. I tried it again at Yale. At Yale I tried most of the drugs which were commonplace at the time: alcohol, LSD, tobacco, marijuana and cocaine. Most struck me as overrated.

Tobacco scored worst: serious damage to health, serious risk of dependence, mild pleasure. Marijuana gave slightly more pleasure and no physical craving. But the resin, or leaves, were a nuisance. I could take or leave it.

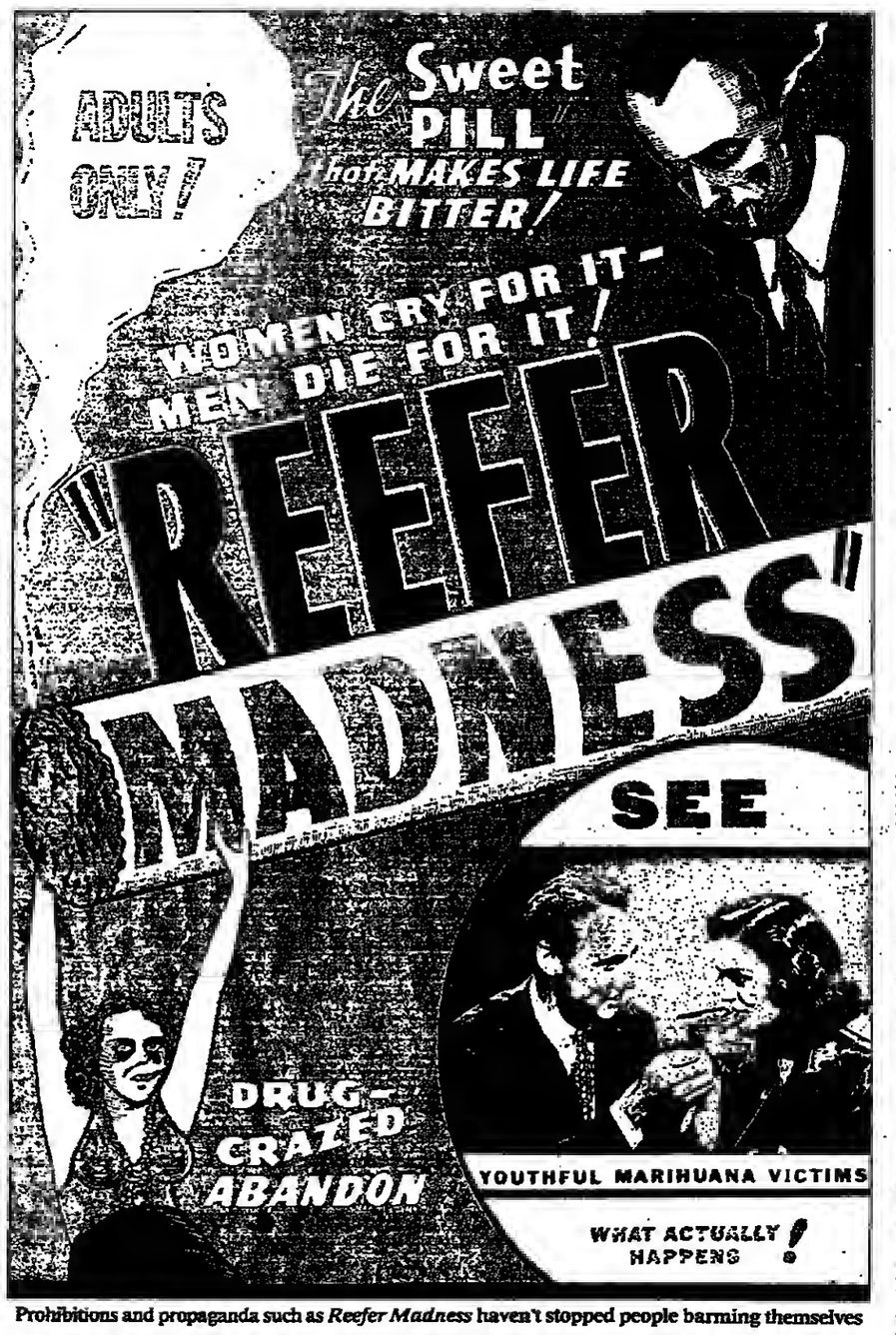
For many of my middle-class fellow-students the illicitness of the cannabis habit offered just the right level of rebellion. I got the same kick from being a student Conservative. I have since encountered a handful upon whom prolonged, heavy use of cannabis has produced disturbing psychological change, but not as many as those whose personalities have been wrecked by political ambitions.

Alcohol was different. For a small investment of time and effort, a speedy, sharp and mostly pleasurable psychological change was secured. I judged the drug moderately damaging to health and moderately addictive, but it produced, for me, such reliable pleasure that I decided to seek an acceptable personal balance in its use, and have found it. I have, however, seen it utterly destroy friends.

In terms of effect, alcohol was the second hardest of the five drugs I tried. The hardest was LSD. Yet, of the five, LSD got the booby prize. It was capable of damaging the brain, and was absolutely no fun. Its effects (in me, paranoia, self-disgust and a faint desire to strangle tramps) were hardly pleasurable, though very vivid. Nobody I knew stuck with LSD for long. It is hard, now, to credit the intense media interest in the 1970s in this illicit chemical, which was "set to sweep the West". It was fashionable mainly because it was forbidden.

And fashion had much to do with the fifth drug I tried: cocaine. This produced in me a short-lived feeling of mildly aggressive well-being, no addiction, and nothing else. A few cups of strong black coffee on a confident mood can do almost as much. The real attraction was that cocaine was somehow "smart". Cole Porter had used it, years before us, at Yale. To be both criminal and stylish was a more powerful stimulant than the drug itself. I sniffed it when offered, but despised its fashionable vogue, and still do.

Now, of course, we're bombing the farms of South American Indian peasants for growing coca. I often chew coca when in the Andes (its cultivation and sale on the home markets of the Andean countries is legal), and so do most European and American students when they go there. Nobody comes back addicted. You need to chew for hours to get anything like a kick, and the kick is hardly stronger than caffeine. Alcohol is the drug problem in the Andes.



Prohibitions and propaganda such as *Reefer Madness* haven't stopped people barming themselves

The poor Indians, who use coca as we use tea (you can buy it in tea-bag-style sachets, packed by a company called Windsor) are utterly bewildered by the fascistic activities of the US Drugs Enforcement Agency, and do not understand why a squad of American officials should charge around Bolivia arresting people, simply because coca can, if mixed with hydrochloric and sulphuric acid, and paraffin, produce a substance which the American government cannot stop the American people from procuring.

They wonder why Washington does not bomb its own drug users or the refiners of paraffin. If mixing coca leaves with tea produced a wild new drug, I wonder whether we would bomb the manufacturers of PG Tips?

The closer you look at the West's "anti-drugs" initiatives, the more the picture begins to resemble a satire by Swift. The role of medical science, which ought to have detached itself from the moral panic and concentrated on the facts, is little short of disgraceful.

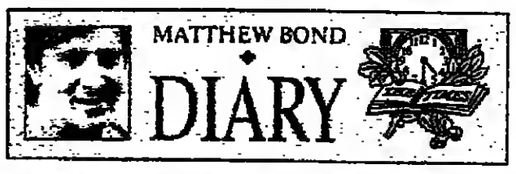
How many new drugs have to be invented, how many new ways of mixing or using everyday substances in new combinations must the endless ingenuity of the human race contrive, before we realise that trying to proscribe substances is futile? How many new demonstrations do we need of the old truth that you will never stop fools from destroying themselves?

How many failed initiatives does it take before Conservatives remind themselves of the basic to which they really should go back: that the health of a nation is best secured when individuals learn to make decisions, even wrong, hurtful decisions, for themselves?

It is nine years almost to the day since Michael Howard, a young backbencher, sat beside me in a Commons committee room. It was the morning of February 19, 1985. He and I were the only Tories resisting an illiberal clause in a Bill to criminalise kerb-crawling. The Home Office minister pushing the Bill was David Mellor. Howard and I had enraged him. We doubted whether convictions should be obtained solely on the basis of police evidence of a single alleged solicitation. Mellor, inveighing windily against men who pester women, dismissed us as woolly-minded liberals. But our view prevailed when the House of Lords, ignoring the Home Office, overturned the Commons and amended the Bill. How times change, and don't.

Mr Howard was not a woolly-minded liberal, but he was, and is, open-minded: a thoughtful man with an advocate's distrust of knee-jerk legislation, or too heavy a reliance on the police. He has colleagues — stupider men than he — who believe this rubbish about marijuana and could wield the punitive sledgehammer with untroubled consciences. But that a clever and civilised man like Mr Howard should do so is chilling.

How to make headway



IF YOU want to get ahead, get . . . Well, you could get lost in the Cairngorms for 48 hours — that seems to be good for £20,000 or so. Alternatively, you could get yourself a haunted look and a hungry and homeless placard and walk away with an L-reg Vauxhall Astra. Or you could stick to the tried and trusted method, and get a hat.

Headgear, it seems, is the happening thing. From the moment Jackie Greaves was helped off her mountain rescue helicopter wearing a balaclava, a bonnet, a pair of earmuffs and an anorak hood, it was clearly not going to be a week to be cranially underdressed. From the Prime Minister and his fur *ushanka* to the tracksuit cowl of the upwardly-mobile Sheffield beggar, headwear was back on top.

It was from beneath her life-saving series of head-coverings that Greaves muttered the first words that endeared her to ad-men everywhere: "I'd love a pint of Guinness." And it was presumably because of those muffling layers, that Solo, the bare-headed Alsatian who found the missing mountaineer, misheard — and went home and celebrated a rare night inside with a pint of goldfish bowl. Her handler's words for the piscine devastation that greeted him in the morning? "Pure carnage."

With Britain in the grip of winter, millions of Britons followed the sensibly functional approach of Jackie Greaves. In Moscow, however, John Major was determined to show he was indeed his own man. He may not have known that in Russia the toasted do it standing up, but he was quite sure about one aspect of Muscovite life: the cut of a man's jib is judged by the shape of his *shakpa*, oh yes. But what shape? After trying on a few moth-eaten specimens knocking about No 10 ("No, John — if I can't wear her diamonds, you're definitely not wearing her hat") and surveying a selection sent round by a St James's hatter ("No, John — St Michael's will not do"), he eventually plumped for the *ushanka* — thankfully in the flaps-up position.

The fur hat was omnipresent and omnipreposterous in Moscow, but by the time the Majors touched down in the even colder Nizhny Novgorod, it had mysteriously disappeared. Only now is the reason for the reappearance of a bare-headed Major emerging — an urgent fax from speechwriter Sir Ronald Millar which read: "U-*shanka* if you want to: the Prime Minister's not for being made a fool of for a minute longer."

For a fleeting moment or two, it looked as if the PM's decision might flatten the new vogue. One or two brave bare-heads peeked over the parapet. Salman Rushdie, for instance, turned up at the première of *Schindler's List* wearing only a price on his head. And Princess Diana interrupted her self-imposed exile to visit blizzard-struck Great Ormond Street Hospital. She may have looked pretty in Valentine's Day pink, but *sans* balaclava or *ushanka*, the result was inevitable. "Colin," she said to a regular fan as she Torvilled past in high heels. "I'm freezing to death." Colin just smiled, raised his pork-pie titfer — and gave her straight sixes for artistic impression.

The hats, however, have been fighting back. In Wanstead, for instance, white-helmeted bailiffs defeated the Donga tribe in the Battle of the M11, while in Bosnia the blue-helmeted forces of the UN enjoyed a rare advantage over the Serbs, brokered apparently by that great *ushanka* in the Kremlin, Boris Yeltsin. That behind him, Yeltsin is now turning his attention to arrangements for the Queen's visit to Russia, planned for the autumn. Naturally enough, speculation on both sides of the Baltic centres on what will adorn the Royal head. Will Her Majesty opt for fur, or treat the ceremonially-deprived Russians to a flash of tiara?

The mere thought of the latter has prompted an immediate phone call to the Duke of Edinburgh. Would the Duke please ensure, the caller insisted icily, that his wife does not wear crown jewels that don't belong to her. The Duke, however, after pointing out that they do, did what he always does when a headstrong, attractive woman rings him up out of the blue — he asked Baroness Thatcher out for lunch.

She, however, is not a woman easily deflected. And while she may not agree with the likes of Naomi, Tatiana and now Kim Basinger, she still knows a strong message when she sees one. Never mind the Tory's tax bombshell, the next embarrassment for the Majors is likely to be a poster of the Baroness reclining, *au naturelle*, under the headline "Beauty is Not About Wearing Someone Else's Jewels". Or hat, come to that.

MILLENNIAL MONEY

National lottery funds should be used to inspire Britons

As the tenth century drew to a close, mass psychosis is said to have gripped the countries of Christendom. By the turn of the 19th century, the British Empire was at its zenith, and Victorians oozed a self-confidence born of economic success, engineering skill and political strength. Will the nation's mood, as the next millennium approaches, resemble those neurotic millenarians of the early middle ages or those dashing Victorians of just a century ago?

The Millennium Fund Commission, whose members were announced on Thursday, has been given the task of seizing that elusive spirit of the times. Armed with funds from the national lottery that could reach as much as £1 billion over five years, the Commission must disburse the money on projects and schemes to celebrate the millennium.

A large proportion is likely to go into four or five big architectural projects spread around the country. There has been no shortage of ideas: a new Welsh opera house in the Cardiff Bay scheme; redevelopment of the Royal Opera House and/or the South Bank; putting the London Embankment road underground so that the north bank of the Thames can be prettified; pedestrianising the roads around the South Kensington museums; and many more. Since the millennium does after all mark the birth of Christ, the country's cathedrals deserve a share. And sporting enthusiasts would like Manchester to be able to build stadiums impressive enough to attract the Olympics.

These, though, are the easy decisions. The danger is that the commission will put too much of its money into a few big building projects supported by big names. These will be clustered in big cities. Yet any real celebration of the millennium must be seen to touch everybody's life, not just those who live in London, Cardiff or Edinburgh.

One solution would be to put some of the money towards cabling the nation. But the commission must also think of some really imaginative ways of diffusing its money as widely as possible. For a start, every small community, whether a village or a tower block, should be encouraged to solicit funds for a project that would improve its members' lives. This could be anything from levelling a new cricket pitch to building a playground, mending the church clock or turning a patch of wasteland into a garden. The commission could insist that the communities raise some of the money themselves to demonstrate their commitment; and if they were to do some of the work themselves too, they would have more of a stake in the result. But there is no reason why the legacy of the millennium need be entirely physical.

The commission could look at the problems of late-20th century Britain and help people to find solutions. Are the young disaffected? Then help to set up a network of "foster grandparents" or "mentors", each of which can adopt someone under 21, to advise, motivate and help them. The young could help their mentors too, and the formation of intergenerational friendships might begin to reverse the atomisation of society that people so deplore.

Are the British too insular? Then the commission might start a crusade to help all who want to learn a foreign language by 2001. Since more than half of men aged over 55 are no longer working, are they wasting their skills? The commission could offer small sums to help retired people give something back to their communities. Are too many young people unemployed? Bursaries might offer them the chance to train or to do good work overseas.

The millennium offers an opportunity for people to be inspired, to shake off some of the anomie that has recently gripped this country. The millennium commission can by all means help to build the odd monument. But let it also leave a legacy for everyone beyond bricks and mortar. The chance, after all, only comes round every 1,000 years.

MR WU'S GULAGS

China's use of prison labour is delaying its global acceptance

China has more than 10 million inmates in forced labour camps, at least a million of whom are political prisoners. It is now undeniable that they make products for export. Today *The Times* carries an extract from *Bitter Winds*, Harry Wu's harrowing account of his experiences in Chinese *laogai*, or "labour reform enterprises". An account of personal trauma, it is a also a chronicle of a system that has, by its secretive nature, failed to draw the condemnation which it deserves.

Its scale exceeds that of Stalin's gulags. "How can we hold different standards for *laogai*?", Mr Wu asks. China has created a prison system which pervades all aspects of production. The indefatigable Mr Wu, whose investigative methods are insanely courageous, estimates that £120 million worth of China's exports to America alone are produced by prisoners. The Chinese government has denied that prison labour is so employed. It is very difficult, now, to accept these denials.

China relies on prison labour to meet export quotas and earn foreign exchange. Prisoners condemned to "re-education through labour" are employed in the entire gamut of state-owned enterprises. There is no area of production — from agriculture to heavy industry — which is untouched by imprisoned hands. The coalmines — without which the Chinese economy would grind to a halt — are particularly dependent on prison labour.

Prison labour is not unacceptable *per se*: international law does not forbid it. But it does forbid inhuman treatment of prisoners. China is a signatory to the 1984 Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. Working conditions are often barbaric: leatherworkers, for example, are compelled to toil naked in vats of chemical solution.

The Foreign Prison Made Goods Act 1897 prohibits the import into Britain of goods made in prisons or "like establishments". The Act does not apply to goods in transit and those imported for private purposes. Furthermore, goods that cannot be produced in this country are exempt: thus, shoes might be unacceptable but tea will not be. These exceptions must be scrapped: 30 per cent of Chinese tea imported into Britain is produced on prison farms.

To date, there has not been a single seizure of Chinese prison-made products. The reason given by the Customs and Excise department is that there is not enough evidence upon which to act. But Mr Wu has produced a handbook which catalogues the real "prison identity" of offending Chinese enterprises. There is even a copy in the library of the House of Commons.

The Customs department in America blocked, last year, the import of a number of Chinese products — cast iron, tea, drilling machines, ceramic tiles and printed matter — under section 307 of the Tariff Act 1930. Britain must follow suit. In fact, the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the European Parliament, in January this year, urged a Europe-wide ban of goods produced by forced Chinese labour.

The Chinese government must pay heed to this. China's return to the global economy is, of course, a matter for celebration. Its economic reform will, it is hoped, improve the lot of its hard-pressed citizens. And Chinese membership of Gatt would secure for that treaty a truly international character. An end to the *laogai* is in China's own interests and would hasten its long overdue admission to the family of nations.

TILTING AT WINDMILLS

Pennine *literati* take on the environmental lobby

Were the Brontës alive today they would find the south Pennine landscape which inspired *Wuthering Heights* and *Jane Eyre* in grave danger. If local councils approve a series of applications before them, the moors on which Heathcliff and Cathy roamed may soon be home to a series of unsightly windfarms; the "mad heather and grass" of which Ted Hughes has written will be scarred by hundreds of windmills.

In a letter to *The Times Literary Supplement* this week, 61 signatories, including Melvyn Bragg, Tom Stoppard and Lady Antonia Fraser, assume the mantle of Quixote to rage against the droning blades. They deplore "the wholesale despoliation of a landscape with uniquely important literary associations". The cultural curiosity of the letter is that it marks the opening of a rift between the artistic community and the environmental lobby, hitherto on fairly amicable terms. Liberal writers and green campaigners suddenly find themselves locked in unexpected combat.

Some would argue that literature should have no part in planning policy and that the letter-writers are saying little more than "not in my literary back yard". The setting of a novel, however great, cannot last forever, any more than a landscape captured by Canaletto or Turner can resist change. Yet the emotional resonance of places should not be ignored in such calculations. This letter raises important questions about the merits of wind energy and the damage it may cause to the British countryside.

The attractions of non-fossil fuel sources are well-established. Windmills do not pollute the atmosphere and are inexhaustible. Every unit of electricity generated by wind prevents a kilogram of carbon dioxide being produced at an ordinary power station. But wind turbines also tend to be ugly, noisy and hazardous for migrating birds. Their foundations affect the water supply of local flora. Though ecologically friendly in the broadest sense, windmills are a blight upon their immediate environment.

Since the Government requires electricity companies to buy 20 per cent of their power from non-fossil fuel sources and 100 wind farms are needed to replace a power station, these structures are likely to become an increasingly familiar sight. At the very least, their manufacturers should strive to find more aesthetic designs which make the turbines striking rather than dispiriting. In some parts of the world, well-designed wind farms have become unofficial tourist sites. But electricity companies would do better to pursue the development of wave energy and floating wind turbines. A windmill at sea will upset few people — except, perhaps, lovers of Conrad, Melville and Golding.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Exposing the links of trade with aid

From Mr Karl A. Ziegler

Sir, Peter Riddell's excellent exposition of realpolitik ("No UK scandal lurks in muddy water of Pergau", February 8; also letters, February 4, 16) will be quoted confidently by past and present ministers involved in decisions relating to negotiations of large-scale projects in the Third World.

He is spot on in describing how the game of world trade today is played. Moralists, who wish otherwise, are not offering jobs to threatened British workers. However, broader policy issues are involved, which should be publicly debated by responsible governments everywhere.

The select committees considering the Malaysian Pergau dam case should pose these wider questions to which answers, if freely and fully aired, should help to make more transparent the secretive world of arms dealing, the true nature of governmental export subsidy schemes, the ded nature of many leading nations' aid programmes and the reality of multilateral development banks' and national agency support for many inappropriate, often overpriced and environmentally and socially undesirable mega-projects in many of the world's poorest nations.

Full answers will help to demonstrate the often cosy and distasteful connections between political leadership in the major industrial countries and often corrupt ruling elites in some developing "Southern" and evolving "Eastern" economies.

The on-going discussion will show the bias towards particular companies in many "Northern" nations, whose financial support of their incumbent governments should be acknowledged more fully, and challenged where appropriate.

The associated debates will help the world's public understand better some of the more undesirable aspects of the fast-expanding offshore banking industry in its support of some questionable and often corrupt activities internationally.

In short, this public discussion will help to expose to many the way the modern world really does much of its business. Fully aired, the debate will help to crystallise whether national and multinational leaderships today truly exercise "good governance".

The world's poorest citizens will undoubtedly want to receive some new insights into the process by which the gap of comparative prosperity continues to grow most dramatically between themselves and some of their ruling elites.

As the Commons Foreign Affairs Select Committee completes taking evidence and prepares for its public deliberations, in early March, on the controversial linkages between aid and trade in the fast-growing economy of Malaysia, it is to be hoped that these discussions will help to inspire similar debates and greater transparency and accountability amongst all trading nations and aid-givers and recipients worldwide.

Yours etc,
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February 17.

Tube challenges

From Mr Colin Rosenstiel

Sir, I believe Mr Stocks (letter, February 12) is confusing two different challenges on the Underground — visiting every station and travelling on every bit of track. The first has been achieved on several occasions. I believe the latter to be impossible within a single traffic day.

In 1970 I was one of six Cambridge undergraduates who attempted to visit every station within a single traffic day travelling only by public transport (or on foot) between stations. I am not aware under what conditions *The Guinness Book of Records* feats have been conducted, but I believe that cars can be used for some of the necessary connections between terminal stations at the system's extremities.

We planned our journey without the benefit of computers. Our greatest handicap, however, was the lack of published timetable information — only the Underground Guide and those line timetables and platform departure sheets we could find. This lack of comprehensive, centrally published information would still be a problem today, I believe.

Our planned journey started at Upminster at 04:59 and ended at Hounslow West at 00:45 (taking in Ongar at dawn!). The Heathrow extension would therefore have presented no problem. The loss of the Bakerloo line Watford Junction service would not be as helpful as Mr Stocks suggests, however, as we used it to reduce the amount of doubling back on the Metropolitan line, with its own Watford branch.

In the end our attempt failed due to a cancelled bus in north London and an unexpected gap in the timetable at South Harrow. We only missed three stations out of 274, however, enabling us to raise some £100 for Save the Children.

Yours sincerely,
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Cambridge.
February 13.

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Stalin, Bevin and Britain's role in helping Soviet wives

From Sir Frank Roberts

Sir, I was angered by the headline to Anne McElvoy's report of January 20, "Stalin and Bevin kept Soviet wives out of Britain", and by Ms McElvoy's assertion that he (Bevin) "played a double game ... to prevent any difficulty with Moscow". This assertion was followed by a reference to "the indifference and duplicity" of the British Government, and her report ended with a quotation from the producer of a Channel 4 documentary on the affair, alleging that "ordinary men and women had found themselves pawns in a diplomatic game". Such allegations are quite untenable.

As British chargé d'affaires for long periods in Moscow from 1945-47 I was closely involved with Ernie Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, and with his relations with Stalin and Molotov. I can assert with complete confidence that the very concept of his choosing Stalin and Molotov, whom he distrusted and abhorred, as partners in any double game — still less one to keep "the Soviet wives" out of Britain — is ridiculous. "Duplicity" was not among Bevin's faults; nor did he ever treat "ordinary" men and women as pawns.

Ms McElvoy's article and, especially, the Channel 4 programme concentrated on the second half of the saga of the Soviet wives. In the first half, roughly from Potsdam in July 1945 until the end of 1946, British and American policy was based upon trying to continue in peacetime the working relationship with the Soviet leaders which had won the war against Hitler.

At that time there was a total of 18 Soviet wives whom Stalin, not Bevin, kept out of Britain. Only Stalin could "release" them since, under Soviet law, they all retained their Soviet citizenship.

Britain was precluded from taking up their cases officially. What we could and did do was to take every opportunity to press their cases privately, as I did myself in many conversations with senior Soviet officials and, on Bevin's instructions, in a letter to Vyshinsky, acting foreign minister.

Important British visitors received by Stalin were briefed by the embassy to press the case of the Soviet wives. Such visitors of course included Ernie Bevin. As a result, all 18 — except for two who, when their time came, did not want to go — were authorised to leave the Soviet Union.

The ambassador, Archibald Clark-Kerr, successfully made the release of three of them his main request at his farewell dinner with Stalin in 1946. I was very pleased myself to have played a part in obtaining the earlier release of Violetta Elvin, later a star ballerina at Covent Garden, in addition to many other less glamorous cases. Publicity was a delicate matter of judgment. To let the British popular press loose just when a special case was being raised with Stalin would have been counter-productive. But I often used the threat of unfavourable publicity in the British press with Soviet officials, and we looked for and got help from British correspondents in Moscow.

There was never, however, any question of playing a "double game" with the Russians, as Ms McElvoy alleges, and they never in my recollection attempted to ask any price for releasing the wives from their Soviet nationality or giving them an exit visa. Their views reflected Russian attitudes going back to Tsarist times: that women brought up in Russia should remain there to make their contribution to their own country, especially in the then period of postwar reconstruction.

The second and sadder part of the story began in 1947. Despite the warnings always given to would-be husbands, a second group of some 15 wives had grown up, perhaps partly encouraged by our success with the first 18. Their misfortune — and ours in trying to help them — was that by then we were on the eve of the Cold War. Anglo-Soviet relations had so deteriorated that favours could no longer be expected from Stalin.

Nonetheless, the embassy continued to do what it could for those wives who were in Moscow by giving them employment and some degree of protection within the diplomatic compound. This was contrary to Soviet regulations and gradually, one by one, the wives were picked up on the streets or at home and sent to Stalin's camps. Many were persuaded by the NKVD to divorce their husbands.

It was in this atmosphere, and after my own departure from Moscow at the end of 1947, that Clark-Kerr's successor, Maurice Peterson, felt bound to advise them all to consider divorce and to suggest that similar advice might be given to their husbands in the UK. At about the same time the Russians forbade marriage to foreigners.

To me, these events provide a case study of the gulf between British and Soviet attitudes to a human problem. It was a tragic story to which the British embassy rightly devoted much time and anention during those immensely busy and dangerous postwar years.

Yours faithfully,
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February 10.

Mixed blessings of getting older

From Miss Joan Bostock

Sir, I was somewhat surprised to read Anthony Howard's comments on old age ("Never too old for the job", February 12). While certainly agreeing with the title of the article, I do not find the benevolence of the State particularly patronising.

In fact, age is becoming increasingly irrelevant. It is what you can *do* that counts. And the advantages are enormous. No National Insurance contributions, the mortgage paid off, free travel on buses and the Underground in London, no fear of redundancy, free prescriptions, a nice State pension (enhanced by £20 a week, in my case, because I worked between 60 and 65), and leniency at the public library about keeping books beyond the stated date.

As the general secretary of an educational body, I worked through my 60s, a decade in which I felt I did some of my best work. On retirement, I was invited to serve as a governor of a local school, become a charitable trustee of an environmental trust and remain as chairman of the large privately owned estate in south-west London where I live. I had to turn down other commitments.

So rejoice at being over 60! The tragedy is that so much talent is now being lost by much younger people being made redundant. My generation escaped all that.

Yours faithfully,
JOAN BOSTOCK,
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Putney Heath Lane, Putney, SW15.

From Mr Attilio Marenghi

Sir, Anthony Howard misses a significant point: that old people continue to pay taxes to the Government from their occupational pensions, income from their savings and other investments and their jobs. They are still taxpayers.

The price of old age could be 80 years of taxpaying or more, and for what? To be called officially "senior citizens" is patronising, "old age pensioners" is insulting. People of 60 and over ought sublimely to be called "senior taxpayers".

Yours faithfully,
ATTILIO MARENGHI,
159 Knapp Road, E3.

From Mr Gordon Rattray

Sir, I suggest that it is not "the patronising benevolence of the State" that may prevent the over-60s from leading "full and active lives" but individual and society's perception that a full and active life requires being in paid employment.

The opportunity is enormous for older people, through voluntary activity, to use their skills and experience in interesting, demanding and worthwhile projects which benefit the community. As most such activities reimburse expenses, nobody need be excluded from the "full and active life".

Yours faithfully,
GORDON RATTRAY,
Hillview, Ramsdean,
Petersfield, Hampshire.
February 12.

From Mr B. G. Barker

Sir, Ageism goes much deeper than Brian Leahy suggests ("Why always the same old story?", Appointments, February 17). It was only necessary to turn over two pages to see an announcement of a competition run by the European Parliament which proclaims a limit of 40 years yet claims to offer "equality of opportunity for women and men in all posts".

Rejecting a request for anti-ageism legislation, a junior British minister was recently reported to have told a group representing computer professionals (where ageism starts before age 35) that "everybody knows that computers are for young people". With such attitudes held by those in charge, it is hardly surprising that those aged over 50 have the problems they do.

I am highly experienced and qualified, my technical skills are up to date in electronics and computing and I speak a European language. I enjoy work and want to work, yet I am not considered even for temporary jobs which are advertised as urgent requirements and which I have experience of. My basic human rights are denied because I have commined the sin of being over 50.

Yours sincerely,
B. G. BARKER,
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Waterlooville, Hampshire.
February 17.

Liturgical fashions

From Mr Lewis Stretch

Sir, The Archbishop of Canterbury (report, February 12) should not take the epithet "boring" too literally. It is simply the teenage jargon for anything that does not come within their now very limited range of interests.

Yet he is right to condemn "wordy services" (the vital factor, length, does not matter with a good story well told), the masses of prayers, dull sermons and the dragging out of T(heologically) C(orrect) hymns that disfigure too many modern (not traditional) Church of England services; but the style appropriate to elite congregations such as at Taizé is no prescription for the English national Church.

Moreover, as Crockford reveals that Dr Carey spent nine years as a lecturer at theological colleges, five as a principal, and is now a senior bishop, he should reflect on who has been responsible for selecting, training and appointing the clergy who have introduced the liturgical practices he denounces.

For it is the chaotic ASB (Alternative Service Book) "parish communion" that has ousted the tranquillity and silences of the well prepared BCP (Book of Common Prayer) Eucharist, the cheerful family worship and thanksgiving of Morning Prayer, and the dignified opportunities of Evensong.

Yours faithfully,
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Tale of three cities

From Mr Philip D. Badrock

Sir, Alexander Borodin could not possibly have died in Leningrad in 1887 (Anniversaries, February 15). If resurrected, he would face a similar dilemma today.

Yours faithfully,
P. D. BADROCK,
Outwood, South Hill,
Chislehurst, Kent.

Food safety

From Professor Hans-Hubert Schönzeler

Sir, In recent weeks there have been letters regarding curious "instructions for use". May I mention that, when interned in Australia during the last war, we received the same food rations as the Australian army and were always highly amused when opening the crates of food to find a note on top with words to the effect: "If returned please state reason — a) Not fit for human consumption; b) Not fit for army consumption."

Yours faithfully,
HANS-HUBERT SCHÖNZELER,
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February 15.

From Mrs Rachel Wroth

Sir, I recently purchased a reduced-fat spread from a well-known supermarket, and note that it is stamped "*best before: 16 Mar, time 19:46*". What might happen to it a minute later, I wonder? Should I go back to butter?

Yours faithfully,
RACHEL WROTH,
7 Rutherford Road, Cambridge.

More word-play

From Mr Henry G. Button

Sir, Dr J. K. Aronson (letter, February 12) has overlooked a crucial feature of quinquagrams and hexagrams. As Philip Howard explained in his article of February 4, I had coined the word quinquagram to describe the word *Times* whose letters could be shuffled "to make four other words *each beginning with a different letter*" (my italics).

Dr Aronson's "asteer" and "alerts" meet this criterion, although the word "estral" will not be found in every dictionary. But his purported heptagram "anestri" lacks words beginning with the letters T and I, and his purported octagram "angriest" is also defective in this respect. The total number of anagrams is irrelevant in this context.

The answer to Professor D. G. Barnsley's query (letter, February 12) is that I did use the humble word "mites". Philip Howard evidently preferred "meist".

Yours faithfully,
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Grange Road, Cambridge.

Taking the blame

From Mr J. A. Bey

Sir, Your leading article, "The buck stops where?" (February 9), repeats the story that Sir Thomas Dugdale, Minister of Agriculture in Churchill's Government in 1954, resigned

after his officials had been criticised over the sale of requisitioned land on Crichel Down. Dugdale's decision to assume responsibility — though he was not in any sense to blame — is still treated as the main precedent for such cases.

I. F. Nicolson's book, *The Mystery of Crichel Down* (Clarendon Press, Oxford 1986), written after the release of the official documents under the 30-year rule, clearly established that Sir Thomas was fully in the picture when he personally took the decision which led ultimately to his resignation.

He was subsequently quoted as saying:

As a Conservative Minister I failed to detect this particular hangover of Socialist legislation. I consider I have let my colleagues down and that is why I shall resign.

Yours faithfully,
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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 17: Mr Roger Gleed was received by The Queen when Her Majesty decorated him with the Royal Victorian Medal (Silver).

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 18: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh left Heathrow Airport, London, this morning to visit Anguilla, the Commonwealth of Dominica, the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, Belize, the Cayman Islands, Jamaica, the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and Bermuda.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received at the airport by the Earl of Airlie KT (Lord Chamberlain), Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Greater London (Field Marshal the Lord Bramall KG), Mrs Jacqueline Too-Kong Fletcher (Acting High Commissioner for the Co-operative Republic of Guyana), Her Excellency Dr Ursula Barrow (High Commissioner for Belize), Mrs Marcia Roberts (Acting High Commissioner for Jamaica), His Excellency Mr Arthur Foulkes (High Commissioner for the Commonwealth of the Bahamas), Dr Brian Smith (Chairman, British Airport Authority) and Mr Michael Roberts (Managing Director, Heathrow Airport).

The following are in attendance: the Baroness Chalker of Wallasey (Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office), the Countess of Airlie, the Hon Mary Morrison, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes, Mr Robin Janvrin, Mr Charles Anson, Surgeon Captain David Swain RN, Air Commodore the Hon Timothy Elworthy, Major James Patrick, Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis and Mrs Helen Noble.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded the Lady Elton as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 18: The Duke of York this morning opened the Probation Centre, Haywra Crescent, Harrogate, and was received by Sir Joseph Barnard (Deputy Lieutenant of North Yorkshire).

His Royal Highness, Patron, this afternoon unveiled a stained glass window at the Northern Police Convalescent Home, Harrogate.

Service dinners

TTTE RAF Cottesmore
The Tri-National Tornado Testing Establishment RAF Cottesmore held a dinner last night at RAF Cottesmore to mark the 200th Tornado GR1 Main Course since the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the United Kingdom, Germany and Italy in May 1979. Wing Commander D. Pickavance, Major M.J. Jost and Tenente Colonnello N. Lanza de Christoforis presided. . Air Commodore P.J. Sturley, Station Commander, and Air Marshal Sir Michael Simmons also spoke.

University of Wales Air Squadron
Professor Brian Clarkson, Principal of the University College of Swansea, and Air Marshal Sir John Willis, Commander-in-Chief RAF Support Command, were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the University of Wales Air Squadron held last night at RAF St Athan. Squadron Leader Steve Townsend, Commanding Officer, presided. Among others present were:
The Air Officer Commanding and Commandant RAF College Cranwell, the Air Officer Wales, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Glamorgan and the Principal of the University of Wales College of Cardiff.

Royal engagements

TODAY: Prince Edward will attend a luncheon followed by the rugby football union match between England and Ireland at Twickenham at 12.30.

Weekend birthdays

The Duke of York celebrates his birthday today.

Today
Mr Peter Baldwin, chief executive, Radio Authority, 67; Sir John Collyear, engineer, 67; the Rev Dr G. Henton Davies, principal emeritus, Regent's Park College, Oxford, 88; Mr Peter du Sautoy, publisher, 82; Sir Nicholas Fenn, diplomat, 58; Lord Forbes, 76; Mr John Freeman, former MP, diplomat and chairman, London Weekend Television, 79; Lord Henniker, 78; the Right Rev R.S. Hook, former Bishop of Bradford, 77; Miss Hana Mandlikova, tennis player, 32; Professor Bernard Meadows, sculptor, 79; Mr Nigel Nicholls, Clerk of the Privy Council, 56; Sir Daniel Pettit, former chairman, National Freight Corporation, 79; Mrs Erin Pizzey, author and founder of first shelter for battered wives, 55; Mr Peter Price, MEP, 52; Mr Smokey Robinson, singer, 54; Mr Colin Sharman, senior partner, KPMG Peat Marwick, 51; Miss Gwen Taylor, actress, 55; Mr Brian Tesler, deputy chairman, LWT (Holdings), 65.

Tomorrow
Mr Robert Altman, film director, 69; Mr Roy Beggs, MP, 58; Miss Brenda Blethyn, actress, 48; Mr Gordon Brown, MP, 43; Mr John Browne, chief executive, BP Exploration, 46; Dame Mary Durack, novelist and historian, 81; Professor A.C. Fabian, astronomer, 46; Miss Ruth Gipps, conductor and composer, 73; Mr Jimmy Greaves, broadcaster and footballer, 54; Mr Eddie Hemmings, cricketer, 45; Sir Owain Jenkins, company director, 87; Commandant Dame Marion Kettlewell, former director, WRNS, 80; Mr Roger Knapman, MP, 50; Mr Mike Leigh, dramatist and director, 51; Professor Donald Longmore, cardiac surgeon, 66; Miss Ella Maillart, explorer, 91; Dame Mona Mitchell, Lady-in-Waiting to Princess Alexandra, 56; Mr Phil Neal, footballer, 43; Mr David O'Dowd, former chief constable, Northamptonshire, 52; Sir Frederick Page, former chairman, Aircraft Group, British Aerospace, 77; Dr Valerie Payne, headmistress, Malvern Girls' College, 54; Mr Sidney Poitier, actor, 67; Vice-Admiral Sir Cameron Rusby, 68; Mr Bill Walker, MP, 65; Professor R.A. Weiss, former director, Institute of Cancer Research, 54; Lady Wharton, 60; Mr Barry Wordsworth, conductor, 46.

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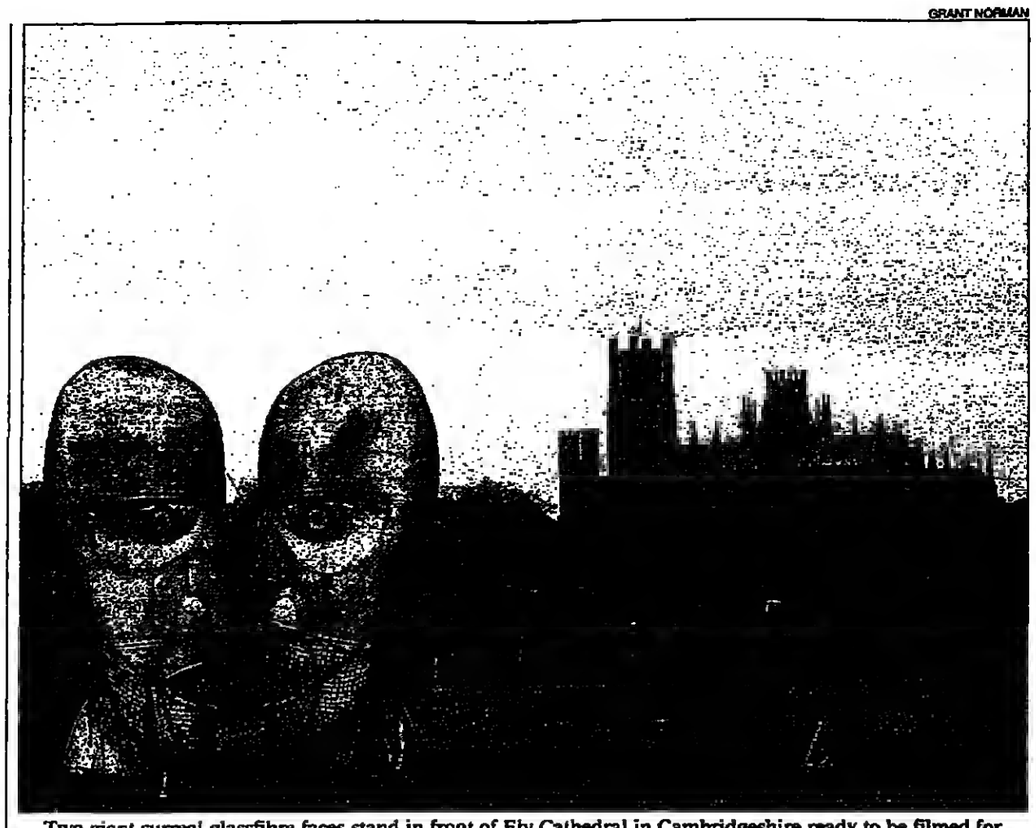

Two giant surreal glassfibre faces stand in froot of Ely Cathedral in Cambridgeshire ready to be filmed for Pink Floyd. The rock band, which was formed in Cambridge in the Sixties, plans to use the faces, and other set pieces it has put up in the Fens, on giant video screens on its tour of America which begins in April

Memorial services

Sir Norman Longley
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Norman Longley was held yesterday at the Church of St John the Baptist, Crawley. The Rev Keith Richards officiated. Mr Peter Longley, son, read the lesson and the Rev Edgar Wallace gave an address. The Bishop of Chichester pronounced the blessing.

Mr Cliff Temple
A memorial service for Mr Cliff Temple will be held at St Bride's, Fleet Street, on Monday, February 21, at noon.

Miss Kay Steel
A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Miss Kay Steel, Head of Religious Education at North London Collegiate School from 1945 to 1965, will be held at the Church of St Lawrence, Whitchurch, Edgware at 11.30am on Saturday, March 5, 1994. Old North Londoners are welcome. On the same day Lunch and the Annual General Meeting of the Old North Londoners' Association will be held at Canons from 12.30pm. Details from Cheryl Pack (telephone 081 449 8449).

Dinners

Royal College of Radiologists
Dr C.H. Paine, president of the college, and Mrs Paine were hosts last night at a dinner held at 38 Portland Place after Professor R.L. Souhami had delivered the George Edelstyn memorial lecture.

Cardiff Business Club
The Right Hon Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Victor Riley, the High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Commander John Curteis, the Chairman of South Glamorgan County Council, Councillor D. Francies, and the President of Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff last night. The guest speaker was Mr John Birt, Director-General BBC. Dr Gwyn Jones, Chairman Broadcasting Council for Wales, presided.

University news

Durham
Dr David Whan is now Director of the University of Durham Industrial Research Laboratories (UDIRL). Dr Whan gained his PhD and a DSc from the Queen's University of Belfast. He taught at Edinburgh University from 1966 to 1983. He became a research associate with ICI in 1985 and in 1989 joined the University of Hull where he set up the Institute for Chemistry in Industry.

Liverpool
Appointments
Christopher Foster, Senior Lecturer and Consultant Pathologist at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith Hospital, to the George Holt Chair of Pathology.
Mark Taylor, Senior Economist in the Capital Markets and Financial Studies Division of the International Monetary Fund, Washington, first holder of the Chair of Financial Economics.
The status and title of Professor has been conferred on the following:
David Back, Reader in the Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics.
Hilary Dobson, Reader in the Department of Veterinary Clinical Science and Animal Husbandry.
Michael Johnson, Reader in the Department of Environmental and Evolutionary Biology.
Sam Leinster, Reader (Clinical) in the Department of Surgery and Clinical Director, General Surgery, Royal Liverpool University Hospital.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.L. Ahmet and Miss J.L. Askew
The engagement is announced between Antony Lawrence, only son of Mrs Teresa Ahmet, of Sutton, Surrey, and Juliet Lorraine, eldest daughter of Mr David R. Askew, of the Wirral, Cheshire, and Mrs Ilona Hayward, of Tremaine, Launceston, Cornwall.

Mr J.M.B. Baillie-Hamilton and Dr P.F. Hickman
The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Captain Neil Baillie-Hamilton and the late the Hon Mrs Baillie-Hamilton, of Cambusmore, Perthshire, and Paula, second daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hickman, of London.

Mr E.N. Bauer and Miss P.J. Griffiths
The engagement is announced between Eran Nicodemus, eldest son of Mrs Giselle Bauer and the late Dr Jacob Bauer, of Wellingore, Lincolnshire, and Penelope Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Terence Griffiths, of Leeds, West Yorkshire.

Dr J.C. Evans and Dr C.M. Usborne
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs John Chasney Evans, of Marford, Clwyd, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs Barnaby Usborne, of Lee Common, Buckinghamshire.

Mr C.G. Holmes and Miss E.S.F. Cochrane
The engagement is announced between Christopher, youngest son of Mrs S. Holmes, of London, and Surgeon Commander M. Holmes, RN, retd, of Cornwall, and Emma, second daughter of Mr N. Cochrane, of Dublin, and Mrs P. Cochrane, of Gloucestershire.

Mr S.M. Hussain and Miss M.R. Stern
The engagement is announced between Syed Mubariz, son of Mr and Mrs Syed Ashiq Hussain, of Kamoke, Pakistan, and Melanie Rosemary, daughter of Dr and Mrs Gerald Stern, of Bloomsbury, London.

Mr M.O. Keen and Miss I.P. Niblett
The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs John Keen, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, and Isabel Patricia, daughter of Mr George Niblett, of Thorpe Tilney, Lincolnshire, and Mrs John McNamara, of Cuckfield, Sussex.

Mr D.M. Mead and Miss S.A. Baldwin
The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs John Mead, of Horsham, West Sussex, and Sarah, daughter of Mr Alan Baldwin, of Churt, Surrey, and Mrs Anne Baldwin, of Thames Ditton, Surrey. The marriage will take place on Saturday, June 18, 1994, at the Church of St John, Hurst Green, Surrey.

Mr B. Phipps and Miss C.L. Jones
The engagement is announced between Brian, son of Mr and Mrs Roger Slowe, of Southend on Sea, Essex, and Carolyne Louise, daughter of Mr Raymond Jones, of Great Hampden, Buckinghamshire, and Mrs Wendy Cederholm, of Montpellier, Cheltenham.

Mr J.J.B. Wadham and Miss S.J. Davies
The engagement is announced between John Jeremy Beresford, son of Colonel Malcolm Wadham, of London, and Mrs Sue Wadham, of Tichborne, Hampshire, and Stephanie Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Davies, of Pontypridd, Wales.

Marriages

Mr G.L.H. Alderson and Mrs M.B.T. Robinson
The marriage took place on Friday at Shrewsbury, Shropshire, of Mr George Lawrence Hastings Alderson and Mrs Marie Bridgette Theresa Robinson. The reception was held at Rowton Castle.

Mr A.J. Martin and Miss L.D. Freedman
The marriage took place on Friday, February 18, at Kensington and Chelsea Register Office, King's Road, London, of Mr Andrew Martin to Miss Lisa Freedman.

Church services tomorrow

First Sunday in Lent

BIRMINGHAM CATHEDRAL: 9 MP; 9.15 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Mass for Three Voices (Byrd), Rev John Kerr; 4 Choral E, Walmisley, Sister Hilary.
CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M; 11 S Euch, Collegium Regale (Howells), The Precentor; 3.15 E, Second Service (Byrd); 6.30 S, Rev JHR de Saussmarez.
CARLISLE CATHEDRAL: 10.30 S Euch, Mass for Three Voices (Byrd), Canon Rex Chapman; 3 E, Fauxbourdon Service (Byrd).
CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 Parish C, The Vice Provost; 11.15 Euch, Canon David Knight; 6 E, Rev Jacqui Jones.
CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Sumsion in B flat, The Dean; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Berkeley), The Bursalis Preb; 3.30 E, Smart in G.
COVENTRY CATHEDRAL: 7.40 MP; 8 C; 10.30 Euch, Orbis Factor (Plainsong), Canon Gerald Hughes; 5.30 E, St Mark's Service (Near).
DURHAM CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 M, Jubilate Deo in A (Stanford), Canon Pedley; 11.15 HC, Stanford in A, Canon Perry; 3.30 E, Jackson in G minor.
LEICESTER CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10 MP; 10.30 S Euch (Plainsong), The Treasurer; 4 Choral E, Bairstow in flat.
LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: 7.45 Lit; 8, 12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Little Organ Mass (Haydn), The Dean; 11.15 M, Dyson in F, Stanford in B flat; 3.45 E, Second Service (Gibbons), Canon John Bayley.
LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Darke in F, The Dean; 3.30 E, Stanford in B flat.
LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL: 7.30 M; 8, 12.15 H Euch, Rev Boon Hor Khoo; 9 Parish Euch, Mr Ken Hall; 11 S Euch, Darke in F, Rev SP Kirk; 3.30 Choral E, Jackson in G; 6.30 Parish E, The Dean.
MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL: 8.45 MP; 9 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Mass for Four Voices (Monteverdi); 3.30 E, Canon Bruce Duncan.
SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 Euch; 11 Choral Euch, Missa Papae Marcelli (Palestrina), Canon David Atkinson; 3 E, Sumsion in G, Canon Roger Royle.
TRURO CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9 M, The Treasurer; 10 S Euch, Ireland in C, The Bishop of St Albans; 6 E, Murrill in E, The Treasurer.
WELLS CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.45 S Euch, The Hereford Service (Lloyd), Rev CM Bonnywell; 11.30 M, Stanford in B flat; 3 E, Sumsion in G major, Rev GO Farran.
WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Shon Service (Batten), Rev Robin Crawford; 11.15 Euch, Mass in Three Parts (Byrd), Rev Paul Ferguson; 3 E, Shon Service (Batten), Canon Paul Bates; 6.30 Meditation & Music in the Style of Taize, Rev Philip Chester.
WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30, 7 M; 10 MP; 10.30 Solemn M, Mass for Two Choirs (Frank Martin); 3 RCIA Rite of Election.
YORK MINSTER: 8, 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), Canon John Toy; 11.30 M, Purcell in B flat; 4 E, St Pauls Service (Howells), Canon Raymond Hockley.
ST ASAPH CATHEDRAL: Clwyd: 11 Choral Euch, Darke in A minor, Canon G Morgan; 3.30 Choral E, Moeran in G.
ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 6 LM; 10 Family M; 11.30 Solemn M, Rev Anthony Richins.
ST GILES' CATHEDRAL, Edinburgh: 8 HC; 10 HC, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), The Minister; 11.30 MS, Remember not, Lord, our offences (Purcell), The Minister; 6 Lenten Address, Prof JC O'Neill; 8 ES, Rev Dr J Phillip Newell.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, London: 8 HC; 10.30 M, Sumsion in B flat, Stanford in B flat, Rev Dr Michael Barnes; 11.30 HC, In letitia et fletu (Tallis); 3.15 E, The Service on Plainsong Tones (Wills), Ven George Cassidy.
ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL, Dundee: 8 HC; 9.40 Sung C; 11 Choral Euch, Wood in the Phrygian Mode; 6.30 Choral E, Short Service (Weelkes).
ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8, 5.15 LM; 10.20 MP; 11 HM, Mass for Five Voices (Byrd), Rev P Johnstone; 6 E&B, Grey in F minor, Dr CCG Rawll.
ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 9 C; 11 S, All Souls Orchestra, Rev Christopher Hobbs; 6.30 S, Rev Preb Richard Bewes.
AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 9.45 Sunday School; 11 Worship, Rev James Schmidt.
THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 S, Missa brevis (Seiber).
CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC; 10 Children's S; 11 M, Rev P Elvy; 6 E, Rev P Elvy.
CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15, 6.30 S, Rev Stanley Hood.
FARM STREET, W1: 11, 12.15 M, Mass for Four Voices (Byrd), Fr Vincent Hawe.
HOLY TRINITY BROMPTON, Brompton Road, SW7: 9 HC, Rev Tom Gillum; 11, 6.30 Informal S, Rev Sandy Millar.
THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.30, 4.30, 7 M; 11 Missa Domenicalis (Victoria); 3.30 V&B, Miserere mei (Victoria).
WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev Paul Hulme.
WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 S, Rev Stanley Whittington; 6.30 S, Rev Dr R John Tudor.
ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev Dr Jose Fuliga; 7 Bach V, Gottes Zeit ist die allerbest Zeit, Rev Dr Scott Ickert.
ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 M, The Lamentatioo (Bairstow), Rev Anthony Winter; 6.30 Choral Euch, Missa Brevis (Palestrina), Preb Michael Shrewsbury.
ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 Choral M & Euch, Sumsion in B flat; 6.30 Choral E, Tomkins 5th Service, Canon John Oates.
ST CLEMENT DANES: 9, 12.15 HC; 11 MP, Stanford in A, Rev GB McAvoy.
ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11, 6.30 S, Rev John H McIndoe.
ST ETHELDREDA'S, Ely Place: 11 S M, Missa quarti toni (Victoria), Fr Eli Cunningham.
ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Rheinberger in E flat, Rev GO Watkins.
ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Missa Dies Sanctificatus (Palestrina), Rev Bill Wilson; 6 Choral E, Short Service (Causton), Rev Graham Buckle.
ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8, 12.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Phillip Moore Mass, Rev Gerald Beauchamp; 6.30 Choral B, Leighton Second Service, Ven Richard Bird.
ST MARK'S, Regents Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 9.45 Family C; 11 S Euch, Mass for Four Voices (Byrd) Rev Joanna Yates.
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ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 S Euch, Missa brevis (Palestrina), Rev Jeremy Caddick.
ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8, 12.30 HC; 9.45 Euch, The Vicar; 11.30 Visitors to London S, Rev Bernhard Schunemann; 2.45 Chinese S, Rev Gilbert Lee; 5 Choral E; 6.30 ES, Rev John Pridmore.
ST MARY-THE-VIRGIN, Primrose Hill: 8 HC; 10.30 Parish Euch, Mass Setting (Plainsong); 5.30 EP; 6 Taize S.
ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 Choral Euch, Mass for Three Voices (Byrd), Rev Tom Devonshire Jones.
ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: Choral Euch, Byrd, David Burton Evans.
ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8, 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Mass for Three Voices (Byrd), Rev Henry Ruschmeyer.
ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8, 15 HC; 10 Family Euch; 11 S Euch, Missa Se La Face Ay Pale (Dufay), Rev Fr O B Tillyer.
ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8, 9 LM; 11 Solemn M, Missa a 4 (Byrd), Canon Christopher Colven; 6 EP&B.
CHAPEL ROYAL OF ST PETER AD VINCULA, HM Tower of London: 9.15 HC; 11 M, Shon Service (Byrd), Rev Hugh Mead.
CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Canon JGMW Murphy.
CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 M, Dyson in F; 3.30 E, Fauxbourdons (Tallis).
GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street, W1: 11 S Euch, Missa Super Frere Thibault (Lassus), Rev Dr Richard Marsh.
QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 M, Lamentations (Bairstow), Very Rev Colin Semper; 12.30 HC.
THE TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Sumsion in B flat, Walford Davies in G, The Master.
GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks, SW1: 11 M, Bow down Thine ear (Arensky), The Chaplain; 12 HC.
ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 S Euch, O Most Merciful (Wood), The Chaplain.

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BIRTHS

BRIGGS - On February 8th 1994, to Anabel (née Ziegler) and Daniel, a son, Henry Nathaniel.
CIRCUIT - On 17th February, to Elizabeth (née Rea) and Paul, a son, Dominic, a brother for Philip and Kate.
CLUBB - On 11th February 1994, to Heather (née Edwards) and Mark, a son, John David Francis.
GILCHRIST - On February 12th at The Portland Hospital, to Debra (née Van Gene) and Timothy, a beautiful daughter, Helena, a sister for Annelese.
LEWIS - On February 17th, to Grace (née McKenna) and Charles, a daughter, Helena Mary, a sister for Cliona.
MATASHI - On January 14th at the Wellington Hospital, to Awa and Yusuf, a baby daughter, Joannah, a sister to Olunlei and Joy.
McKECHNIE - On February 14th, to Dominique (née Bishop) and Duncan, a son, Luke Mortimer Valentine, a brother for Max, Beatrice and Felix.
MILLIGAN - On 17th February, to Susan (née Dedman) and Brian, a son, bringing great happiness to both families.
OAKLEY - On February 15th, to Carolyn and Ian, a daughter, Kelly Louise.
POULTER - On February 18th, to Paula (née Peterson) and Ian, a daughter, Rebecca Lauren.
ROBBINS - On February 14th, to Marion and Howard, a son, Hugo Frederick, a brother for Oliver and Harriet.
RYAN - On February 17th at the Wellington Hospital, to Shirley (née Blyth) and Chris, a precious son, Jack.
STURZENEGGER - On February 11th at the Wellington Hospital, to Lisa and Ron, a beautiful son, Sloane Griffin, 7lbs 3oz, 21in.
THOMSON - On February 17th, to Vanessa (née Brown) and Roger, a daughter, Henrietta Frances Mary, a sister for Edward.
VENNER - On 18th February, to Olga and Julian, a son, John David.
WILLIS - On February 16th at the Wellington Hospital, to Louise (née Talbot-Weiss) and Hugh, a son, Thomas Jack Ramsay, a brother for Tortie and William.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

BAIN:WARRACK - On February 20th 1954, at the Royal Hospital Chapel, Chelsea. David to Julia.
LEE:MACHIN - On Sunday 20th February 1954, Arthur Christopher Penfound to Ann Sharley at St Nicholas Church, Compton, near Guildford, Surrey, now at Beech Court, Okehampton, Devon.

DEATHS

DOBSON - On 16th February 1994, peacefully at her home in Richmond, Surrey, Betty (Lady Emilly Margaret Dobson), adored widow of the late Sir Richard Dobson, beloved mother of Susan and mother-in-law of Tim and loving grandmother of Emilly, James and Sophie. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at The Minster Church of St Denys, Warminster, Wilts., on Saturday 26th February at 12 noon. Donations if desired to Silver Birches, Elizabeth Fitzroy Homes, Richmond. All enquiries, letters and donations to F. Curtis and Son, Funeral Directors, 11 Portway, Warminster, Wilts. BA12 8QC. tel: (0985) 212033.
FLEWETT - On February 16th, at home after a long and painful illness courageously borne, June Evelyn (née Hall). Funeral Service at Robin Hood Crematorium on February 24th at 2 pm.
GITTINGS - On February 17th, at home after a long illness courageously fought, Valerie Joyce aged 55 years. Dearly beloved wife of Alan and much loved mother of Judith and Jonathan. Funeral Service to take place at 11 am on February 22nd at Buckland Church, near Broadway, Worcestershire. Flowers and enquiries may be sent to Philip Tomlins Funeral Directors, 36 The Leys, Evesham, Worcs., tel: (0386) 765133.
GRIFFITHS - On Wednesday February 16th, peacefully, Basil Wallas of Petersfield, Hants., widower of Anne Catherine, devoted father of Michael and Mary and loving grandfather. Funeral Service at St Peter's Church, Petersfield, Hants., on Thursday February 24th at 3pm followed by cremation at Chichester Crematorium. Family flowers only but donations may be sent to Sue Ryder Home, Bordean House, Petersfield, Hants.
HAMILTON AND BRANDON - Sarah, Duchess of Hamilton and Brandon (Sally), peacefully on February 17th 1994, beloved mother of Elly, Annie, Alex and Johnny. Service at Canongate Kirk, The Royal Mile, Edinburgh, on Monday 21st February at 12.30 pm. Burial thereafter private. Family flowers only, donations to St Columba's Hospice, Boswall Road, Edinburgh.
HUTSON - Jane Eva Mary Cammell (née Strellett) on February 15th 1994, peacefully with grace, beauty and dignity at home in Santa Monica, California - wife of Peter, mother of Susan Lange, Philippa Turville and Ann Sandberg, grandmother of Edward, James, Lucy, Katy, Mark, Freddie and Robbie, sister of Susan Roche (Sydney), and beloved by all. Formerly of Hong Kong and Kentisbeare, Devon. Cremation will take place to California. A Memorial Service will be held at Kentisbeare in the summer. No flowers, but if desired donations to Action Aid, Chatsworth House, Leach Road, Chard, Somerset TA20 1FA or N.S.P.C.C., 42 Curtain Road, London EC2.
MARSHALL - Suddenly in Cumberland Infirmary, on 13th February, Dorothy aged 93 years, author and historian. Cremation at Carlisle on Friday 25th February at 9.40 am followed by a Memorial Service at Old Hutton Church at 3 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to her favourite charities c/o Mr N. Marshall, Kiln Cottage, Main Street, Braithwaite, Cumbria.
PAJAK - On 16th February, suddenly, Bolesław Pajak (Bernard) BSc (Eng), CEng, FIEE, aged 70 years. Retired Director of Evershed & Vignoles. Sadly missed by sister Czesława and family.
PENSON - Passed away suddenly at home in Hove on February 16th 1994, Lt. Col. C.I. (Bill), R.A.P.C. Beloved husband of Margaret, devoted father of Sheena and Rosemary and much loved grandfather at Ben and William. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, The Drive, Hove, on Thursday 24th February at 2.15 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, may be made payable by cheque to National Asthma Campaign c/o W. Cornford & Son, 100 Blatchington Road, Hove, Sussex, BN3 3YF, tel: (0273) 737006.
ROBINSON - On February 16th 1994, peacefully at home after a short illness, Ruth. Beloved widow of Ronnie Simpson and Deric Robinson. Dearly loved sister, stepmother and aunt. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Aldringham, Suffolk, on Thursday February 24th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired made payable to Aldringham Church c/o Tony Brown, The Funeral Parlour, Saxmundham, Suffolk IP17.
SHAW - John Verrinder, aged 82, peacefully at Shelford Lodge. Funeral at Cambridge City Crematorium, 2.30 pm Thursday 24th February.
SLIGHT - On 13th February, Doris Mure, at Mowbray Nursing Home, Malvern, formerly of 27 Rudemable Way, Colchester, aged 95. Daughter of the late Andrew Mure Slight I.C.S and Daisy Mary Slight and much loved aunt, great-aunt, cousin and friend. Cremation in Colchester to be arranged.
THURMAN - On February 11th 1994, suddenly but peacefully in hospital, Ellen Rosel (née Morgenthau) aged 74 years. Beloved mother of Andrew, widow of Philip and friend to many. Funeral Service at Kingston Crematorium, Bonner Hill Road, Kingston, Surrey, Wednesday 23rd February 1994 at 11.30 am. Family flowers only please. Any donations to the National Trust or to Glyndebourne.
TYLER - Jessie Ellen (née Milton), born 10th October 1888, died peacefully 3rd February at the Beverley Home, to her 106th year. Funeral 11.30 am, 21st February, St Lawrence's Church, Whitchurch Lane, Edgeware. Widow no flowers please but donations to Macmillan Cancer Relief Fund.
van REST - On 17th February 1994, peacefully at home, aged 92, Doris Marie, widow of Edward and a loving mother and grandmother.
WAITE - Nigel Windsor, on February 17th after a long illness, husband to Audrey and loving Dads to Nicola and Jamie. No flowers but donations to St Richards Hospice, Worcester. Funeral Putney Vale, 11.30 am Monday February 28th.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

DIXON - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Ann Dixon will be held at St George's Church, Campden Hill, London W8, on Thursday March 24th 1994 at 2.30 pm and afterwards at Vicarage Gate Parish Hall.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

TURNBULL - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Prue Turnbull will be held at All Saints Church, Church Street, Old Isleworth, Middlesex, on Tuesday 1st March at 12 noon.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

JORDAN LAWRENCE - (Bill), 19th February 1991, in Italy. Et in Arcadia ego. With my love as always, Mary.
SOLE-ROMEO - Dr. Luis Alberto, 1987-1993 Uruguayan Ambassador to London - 3:/3/34-20/2/93.

TRUSTEE ACTS

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to s27 of the TRUSTEE Act, 1925 that any person having a CLAIM against or an INTEREST in the ESTATE of any of the deceased person's whose names, addresses and descriptions are set out below is hereby required to send particulars in writing of his claim or interest to the person or persons mentioned in relation to the deceased person concerned before the date specified: after which date the estate of the deceased will be distributed by the personal representatives among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.
FISHER Mrs. Dorothy of 21 Green Park, Chatteris, Cambridge died on 7th January 1994 particulars to Sarlemd & Sheppard Solicitors of 150 Friar Street, Reading RG1 1HE before 22nd April 1994
LOVE, Frances Olivia of Trafalgar Court, Playstair, Thesle, Reading died on 4th January 1994. Particulars to Sarlemd & Sheppard Solicitors of 150 Friar Street, Reading, Berkshire before 30th April 1994
Peter Leslie Sinclair late of 21 Wyatt Park Road, London SW2 3TN died on 4 December 1993 Particulars to Anthony Gold, Lerman & Mutrhead, Solicitors of The Hop Exchange, 24 Southward Street, London, SE1 1TY before 6th April 1994
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OBITUARIES

MARIA LADY ST JUST

Maria Lady St Just, actress and literary executor of Tennessee Williams, died at Wilbury Park, Newton Tony, on February 15 aged probably 72. She was born in Petrograd in 1921.

VALUED and loved by her friends for her fierce wit, passionate loyalties, her gift for laughter and a manner predictable only in its unpredictability, Maria Lady St Just will be remembered historically for her single-minded partisan promotion of the plays of Tennessee Williams. As his literary executor she devoted herself to ensuring that they were presented in quality productions, by leading directors, with actors who were equal to his bravura poetic realism. She ensured that the years after his death saw not, as so often is the case, an eclipse but a renaissance. When her collaborators fell short of her high standards she made her displeasure plain.

Maria Britneva's maternal grandparents fled to England with many White Russians during the revolution. Their daughter Mary had married an eminent surgeon, Alexander Vladimirovitch Britnev, whose father had been Physician-in-Ordinary to the Dowager Empress Maria Fedorovna in Tsarskoe Selo. Maria was born in Petrograd probably in 1921. During the famine years after the war the Ogpu (secret police) began to "purge" what was left of the Russian nobility but Madame Britneva was able to arrange passes so that the family could join her parents in London. Alexander Britnev remained behind volunteering his medical skills, but he was shot by the Soviets for his pains.

Food parcels of hand-made chocolates, caviar and *pâté de fois gras* sent from Fortnum & Mason by her grandparents had not suitably augmented Maria's diet of potato skins and she arrived at London Docks, aged 12 months, suffering from rickets. Rescued from the zealous arms of the Salvation Army she was expensively educated by her grandparents. After her grandfather's death her mother worked for the Foreign Office during the Second World War screening Soviet deserters and displaced persons, including one distinguished woman scientist who had been born in Britnevsky Dom, the family home in Russia which was now turned into flats.

Maria Britneva had been enrolled in Tamara Karsavina's ballet class and nicknamed "the Little Grasshopper" because she jumped higher than her classmates. Here she also developed her independent attitude to their opinions — "I adopted the philosophy that anybody who didn't like me was a fool". Karsavina introduced her to de Basil's Ballet Russes de Monte Carlo: "Not only do I have a child for you — I have a Russian child!" She danced for three seasons with the company which included Toumanova, Danilova, Baronova, Zorina, Massine, Fokine, Lichine, Grigoriev and Woizickowski. Ironically, her role in Balanchine's *La Concurrence* was "a Spoiled Child of Indulgent Parents".

An operation on her foot put an end to her dancing. She won a scholarship to train as an actress at the Old Vic School, living with her grandmother. Meanwhile her mother was translating Chekhov's *The Three Sisters* and *The Cherry Orchard* for John Gielgud's company. As a result, Maria joined the troup for a tour of the Middle and Far East. On her return Gielgud arranged for a contract with Hugh ("Binkie") Beaumont's H. M. Tennent Limited. Here she distinguished herself in a dramatisation of *Crime and Punishment* by cramming a cushion over Dame Edith Evans's mouth when the Dame irritated her by consistently coughing during one of Gielgud's longer speeches. Somehow her contract held, Beaumont saying: "We do not smother leading ladies if we wish to get on in the English Theatre. We bring them cups of tea."

At a grand party at Gielgud's house she met a shy, little American sitting apart on a sofa wearing odd socks. Taking pity on him she struck up an instant friendship. Both had been brought up by their grandmothers and his passion for Chekhov added to her fascination for him since she was the first Russian he had met. The next day when he visited her family she realised that he was Tennessee Williams, whose play *The Glass Menagerie* was opening at the Haymarket.

It was the beginning of an intense friendship in which, in the words of Elia Kazan in his preface to their collected letters, *Five O'Clock Angel*, she became "this one trusted person" to whom he could expose his latest work. When he asked her opinion of his unadmired autobiography she told him that the book was where it belonged — in her waste-paper basket. The letters make it clear that Maria St Just hoarded Williams's letters more diligently than he preserved hers — occasioning the acid comment from Gore Vidal, a great friend of both the letter writers, "Ah, dear child! Tennessee was so sentimental!" Maria St Just enjoyed this thrust as much as everyone else, including it in her book and thanking, "My two daughters Pulcheria and Natasha whose total lack of interest and enthusiasm spurred me on in blind fury."

In 1976 Williams wrote: "The element of vitality in such characters as Cat in *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* and, recently, The Countess in *This Is* were inspired by the volatile Russian Spirit of Maria." Her acting career was erratic. She enrolled at the Actors' Studio in New York alongside Brando and Monroe and played Blanche in *A Streetcar Named Desire* at the Actors' Playhouse in New York in 1955, having appeared in London in *The Three Sisters* in 1951 and in *Summer and Smoke* in the same year. In 1952 she had a small role in John Huston's film, *Moulin Rouge*, and she worked with Williams on the screenplay for Visconti's *Senso*.

In 1956 she married Peter Grenfell, a childhood friend who had succeeded to the title of Lord St Just, and embarked on her other crusade, the restoration and preservation of their home Wilbury Park at Newton Tony in Wiltshire, the first Palladian house in England. Lord St Just died in 1984.

Maria St Just continued to appear occasionally in Tennessee Williams's plays, notably *Orpheus Descending*, directed by Tony Richardson at the Royal Court in 1959, and *The Red Devil Battery Sign* in Vienna and London in the 1970s. Wilbury featured in the Merchant/Ivory film *Maurice* in which she played a small part as she had in *A Room with a View*.

After Williams's death in 1983 she assumed responsibility for husbanding his estate, authorising successful productions of *Sweet Bird of Youth*, *Orpheus Descending*, *Night of the Iguana*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* and *A Streetcar Named Desire*, on Broadway, in the West End and at the National Theatre. She worked particularly happily with Sir Peter Hall, Richard Eyre and Vanessa Redgrave. Until her crippling last illness, Lady St Just was a wonderful hostess at Wilbury Park and in her icon-clad London home in Gerald Road and an inspired cook. She retained her passionate love for the Russian church. Archbishop Anthony Bloom was a lifelong friend and for many whom she met she was an exotic meteorite lighting up the society in which she moved.

Maria Lady St Just is survived by her two daughters, Pulcheria (Katya) and Natasha.

ADMIRAL SIR RICHARD FITCH

Admiral Sir Richard Fitch, KCB, Second Sea Lord 1986-88, was found dead at his home on February 15 aged 64. He was born on June 2, 1929.

DICKY FITCH conducted a lifelong love affair with the sea. He graduated from the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, in 1946 and spent most of the succeeding 20 years afloat, notably in the destroyer *Consort* during the Korean war. After qualifying as a specialist navigator in 1956 he was Navigating Officer of the assault ship *Norvik*, headquarters vessel for the 1957 series of British nuclear weapon tests in the Pacific.

After tours as Navigating Officer on the destroyer *Camperdown* and the fleet carrier *Victorious*, Richard George Alison Fitch was promoted to commander in 1966 and appointed captain of the anti-submarine frigate *Berwick*. But a more challenging role was to follow when he was selected to be the senior staff officer to the Flag Officers's Second-in-Command, Far East Fleet, at that time Rear-Admiral (later Admiral of the Fleet Sir Edward) Ashmore. This was another sea-going tour, the Admiral flying his flag in one of the large carriers and managing the busy operation of the Far East Fleet of the late 1960s with a very small and highly proficient team of staff officers. Among his subordinate flock of destroyers and frigates Fitch earned a reputation as a formidable operator, striking a healthy terror into the hearts of the inefficient and of those who had failed sufficiently to do their preparatory planning.

The autumn of 1967 saw the culmination of the British policy towards Aden and the South Arabian Federation; it had not been possible to install a pro-Western regime nor to continue to support friendly rulers in the hinterland with forces based at Aden. The long signalled withdrawal was finally set for the end of November and involved an unprecedently large and complex evacuation by sea of all personnel, stores and ammunition without loss of life in the face of substantial dissident activity, and requiring the use of all the Navy's amphibious shipping as well as two aircraft carriers. It fell to Admiral Ashmore and his staff to organise and run this operation; during this demanding period Fitch earned high praise as an able chief staff officer who had produced a most successful result.

On promotion to captain, he was appointed to the Naval Plans divisions in the Ministry of Defence, returning to sea in 1973 as captain of the frigate *Apollo* and the Sixth Frigate Squadron. When Admiral Sir Edward Ashmore became First Sea Lord, he chose Fitch to be his Naval Assistant, one of the two staff captains who run the professional head of

the Navy's daily programme at home and abroad and act as his confidential advisers.

This was the era of Defence Secretary Roy Mason's Defence Review which, although it carried Britain's evolving defence policy further towards its logical concentration on a North Atlantic based strategy, required much subtle in-fighting from the naval staff in order successfully to preserve the operational attributes of a balanced fleet. It is said that Fitch on one occasion had a bottle of chilled champagne in a desk drawer, hoping to be able to greet the return, with a positive result, of his master from a crucial meeting which was to decide the procurement or cancellation of the Sea Harrier aircraft. Fortunately for the Falkland Islanders, it was produced and drunk.

After commanding the carrier *Hermes* and serving two further years in the Ministry of Defence as Director of Naval Warfare, Fitch was promoted Rear-Admiral in 1980 and appointed Naval Secretary, responsible for the posting and career planning of all naval officers. As Flag Officer, Third Flotilla, Fitch led for the Royal Navy in its relationships with the United States Navy's strike fleet and for bringing expertise to its anti-submarine protection, this being perhaps the most important method by which the British maintained their credibility with the Americans. Fitch was a very effective and impressive ambassador being promoted to Vice-Admiral in 1984.

In 1986 he was appointed to the Navy Board as Second Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Personnel, being required to manage, as had been so often the case since the mid-Fifties, a further fall in the authorised numbers of naval people. During his tenure, he was engaged in the early negotiations about the role of the WRNS in the modern Navy, which eventually led, at the end of the decade, to the introduction of women at sea in warships.

After his retirement, he was an active president of his local Conservative association and, since 1988, a member of the Royal Navy Sailing Association, keeping his motor-cruiser at Littlehampton. His deep concern for the well-being of ex-servicemen was evidenced in his chairmanship of the Regular Forces Employment Association, which works towards placing them in second careers.

Even during his youth as a junior officer, Fitch was well-known for an apparently relaxed and laid-back personality. Punctilious with the courtesies and something of a dandy, his was a reflective and considerate style of leadership. But recently he clearly was greatly depressed by his financial position, as a Lloyd's name.

Marrying relatively late in 1969, he became a devoted family man. He is survived by his wife Kathleen and their son.

E. H. T. ROBINSON

E. H. T. Robinson, former assistant night editor of *The Times*, died on February 9 aged 96. He was born on September 29, 1897.

E. H. T. ROBINSON was the product of an age in journalism that is now largely past. Leaving school at 14, he went straight to work on a local newspaper and 36 years later found himself in the influential position of assistant night editor of *The Times*. A classic example of an autodidact, he had by that stage already published two books on T. E. Lawrence — one of which had been commissioned by the Oxford University Press.

Edward Henry Tyler Robinson was born in Neasden, the eldest of 11 children. The victim of a drunken policeman father, he was sent at the age of five to live with his grandparents in Northampton. He obtained a scholarship to Northampton Grammar School but was unable to take it up after his grandfather died. Two years later he left school and joined the Northampton *Daily Echo* as a tea-boy.

Having been given three white feathers in less than an hour as he walked down Northampton High Street in early 1915, he volunteered — though under-age — for the Army and, at 17, was sent to Gallipoli. He was court-martialled there because he refused to send a telegram to London Headquarters with information which he knew to be incorrect. He got a light sentence, merely being demoted from sergeant to corporal.

He was not, however, pleased and, overheard swearing in fluent Arabic, was given the opportunity of joining Military Intelligence in the Sherrifian Forces under Colonel T. E. Lawrence. On the journey from Imbros to Alexandria his ship was torpedoed and he was 19 hours in the water before being rescued. In 1918, in a raid on the Turkish lines during Lawrence's Hejaz campaign, he was blown up and left by his companions for dead in the desert. For the following six months he travelled the desert, staying with Bedouin tribes for two nights and then moving on before the statutory third permitted him to be killed for overstaying his welcome as "a guest".

He made his way back to Damascus in 1919, to discover that the Armistice had been signed and that he was free to return home. As a result of the Turkish raid, he still retained shrapnel in the muscle above his heart, his foot, and in his head — which latter left him with recurrent periods of mental illness until he was operated on in 1938 and received treatment for long-term amnesia. When he had returned to England in 1919 he had been given six months to live.

After a period of unemployment — some of which he spent in freelance court reporting — "Rob" (as his colleagues called him) joined the staff of Reuters for whom he covered the Olympic Games in Berlin in 1936. During the war he worked first for the Press Association and then for the BBC Monitoring Service. In 1942 he joined the parliamentary reporting team at *The Times* and in 1947 was appointed assistant night editor, in which post he remained until his retirement in 1962.

His publications included *Lawrence* (1935), one of the earliest biographies, *Lawrence the Rebel* (1946), the story of the Hejaz campaign, and *Just Murder* (1947), a survey of the incidence of death sentences after pleas of insanity had been allowed. Before he died he had just completed his own commentaries upon all three books of the Bible.

His wife died in 1987 and he leaves one daughter.

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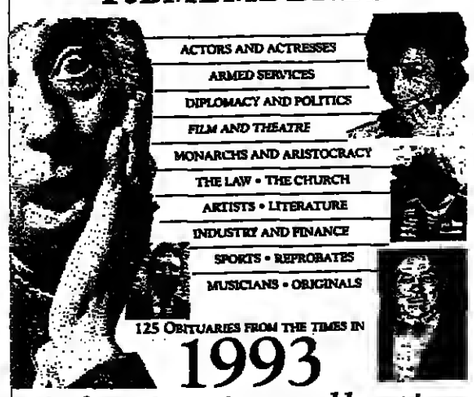

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GRAEME MATHESON-BRUCE

Graeme Matheson-Bruce, Scottish tenor, died after a long illness on February 12 aged 48. He was born in Dundee on July 19, 1945.

Graeme Matheson-Bruce in ENO's *Clarissa*, 1990

FOR a period during a career cut short by early death Graeme Matheson-Bruce looked as though he might become that rarity of rarities, a British-born heroic tenor of international stature. He first came to general notice in 1986 as Walther von Stolzing in the English National Opera's production of *The Mastersingers of Nuremberg*. The previous season he had been singing the tiny role of Ulrich Eisslinger in Wagner's opera when he was called upon to replace the ailing Walther (Kenneth Woollam) in the last act. His performance was good enough for the ENO to cast him in the lead next time round.

The company then immediately earmarked him for the title role of *Tannhäuser*, planned for two seasons later. Ken Russell was the chosen director. But what he would have made of Wagner remains unknown because the production was later cancelled through lack of funds. Matheson-Bruce, though, was reckoned to have the voice, presence and stamina for one of the most taxing roles in the repertory.

Abroad, though, he was heard in more Wagner. There was Lohengrin and Parsifal, both in Germany, and a Tristan in Pittsburgh. He did eventually sing Tannhäuser, for the New Sussex Opera. He was happy to accept the challenges as they arose. But off-stage he hardly fitted the public image of the *Heldentenor*, being a slim, wiry man, a little self-effacing, whose speech always proclaimed his native Dundee.

He studied voice for nine years, successively at the Royal Scottish Academy of Music, the Royal Manchester College and the London Opera Centre. At the end of this long period of training he became a civil servant for a couple of years before returning to opera and making his debut in 1973 with Sadler's Wells in the tiny role of Dr Blind in *Die Fledermaus*.

He sang a number of small parts with British companies, including Glyndebourne and the English National Opera (as Sadler's Wells had now become), before winning a scholarship which took him to Munich in 1978 to study with Hans Hotter. Quite a lot of his career in the 1980s was spent in Germany, most notably in Darmstadt, where he took on roles as diverse as Werther and Peter Grimes.

He was never a company member of the English National Opera, but was employed regularly as a guest artist after the success of his Walther. His tenor was not especially lyrical and indeed tended to have a certain graininess. But Matheson-Bruce had stamina and he was an admirable actor. The ENO was wise enough not to typecast him, but saw his potential in contemporary opera, starting with Philip Glass's *Akhnaten* in 1985, as well as in the heavier roles of the repertory.

He sang Florestan in the *Fidelio* which was brought in to replace the cancelled *Tannhäuser*. Then in 1990 he gave one of his most impressive performances as the seducer Lovelace in *Clarissa*, with Vivian Tierney in the title role. Not everyone approved of Robin Holloway's operatic handling of Richardson's novel. But David Pountney's deliberately sensational production drew in larger audiences than most contemporary operas receive and the two principals were widely praised. Matheson-Bruce's Bob Boles in *Peter Grimes* was exceptionally well characterised and from this he moved up to Grimes himself.

Another world première at the Coliseum with Matheson-Bruce, John Buller's *The Bacchae*, was less well received by the public. One reason was that it was pretentiously performed in ancient Greek. Matheson-Bruce complained that he had to learn to sing in that language while simultaneously preparing in Russian the part of Tchekalinsky in Glyndebourne's *The Queen of Spades*.

By the time he sang Bacchus in Strauss's *Ariadne auf Naxos* at the Coliseum in the autumn of 1992 the illness which was to kill him was already having its effect. His last role on stage for ENO, performed with considerable courage because he was already suffering from partial blindness, was the tortured gambler Herman in Tchaikovsky's *The Queen of Spades*.

Graeme Matheson-Bruce's marriage in 1969 to a fellow singer, Anne-Marie Ives, was dissolved. They had a son.

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: Nicolaus Copernicus, astronomer, Thorun, Poland, 1473; David Garrick, actor-manager, Hereford, 1717; Luigi Boccherini, composer, Lucca, Italy, 1743; Sir William Fairbairn, engineer, Kelso, 1789; Sir Roderic Murchison, geologist, Tarradale, Highland, 1792; Adelina Patti, Baroness Cederstron, soprano, Madrid, 1843; Jimmy Durante, actor and comedian, New York City, 1893; Sir Cedric Hardwicke, actor, Lye, Worcestershire, 1893; Merle Oberon, actress, Bombay, 1911; Carson McCullers, novelist, Columbus, Georgia, 1917; Lee Marvin, actor, New York, 1924.

DEATHS: Elizabeth Carter, poet, Deal, Kent, 1806; Georg Büchner, dramatist, Zurich, 1837; Bernard Barton, poet, Woodbridge, Suffolk, 1849; Blondin (Jean-François Gravelet), acrobat and tightrope walker, London, 1897; Ernst Mach, physicist, Haar, Germany, 1916; André Gide, writer, Nobel laureate 1947, Paris, 1951; Knut Hamsun, novelist, Nobel laureate 1920, Grimstad, Norway, 1952; John Grierson, documentary film maker, Bath, 1972.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Thomas Osborne, Duke of Leeds, statesman, London, 1632; Adam Black, publisher, Edinburgh, 1784; Honoré Daumier, artist, Marseilles, 1808; Bela Kun, revolutionary, Czehul Silvaniei, Romania, 1886; Georges Bernanos, novelist, Paris, 1888; Dame Marie Rambert, founder of the dance company, Warsaw, 1888.

DEATHS: Aurangzeb, Mogul emperor of India 1658-1707, Ahmednagar, 1707; Mrs Elizabeth Rowe, poet, Frome, Somerset, 1737; Andreas Hofer, Tyrolese patriot, executed at Mantua, 1810; Joseph Hume, social reformer, Burnely Hall, Norfolk, 1855; Robert Peary, arctic explorer, Washington, 1920; Sir Hugh Allen, musician, Oxford, 1946; Sir Leonard Woolley, archaeologist, London, 1960; Percy Grainger, composer, White Plains, New York, 1961.

ON THIS DAY

February 19 1912

Count Aehrenthal, the Austrian Foreign Minister, was closely involved in Austria's decision in 1908 to annex Bosnia-Herzegovina, an act which caused a European crisis. In June 1914 the heir to the Austrian throne was assassinated in Sarajevo and by August Europe was at war.

COUNT AEHRENTHAL'S DEATH.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)
VIENNA, FEB. 18.

The Emperor Francis Joseph accepted yesterday Count Aehrenthal's resignation, and conferred upon him the brilliants to the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Stephen. Simultaneously with this decoration and a graciously-worded Imperial Rescript, Count Aehrenthal received the Papal benediction *in articulo mortis*. Having recited prayers with the bearer of the Pontifical blessing, and having taken an affectionate leave of his wife, family, and chief subordinates, he relapsed into unconsciousness, and died at 9.45 pm ...

Before his appointment to be Minister for Foreign Affairs he had been known only to the few who had come into contact with him at the Bukarest Legation or the St. Petersburg Embassy ...

The meeting between King Edward VII and the Tsar at Reval, in June, 1908, led him to believe that England and Russia were contemplating a drastic policy of Macedonian reform and convinced him that Austria-Hungary must prepare for action. An exchange of views was actually proceeding between him and M. Isvolsky [the Russian Foreign Secretary] in regard to the annexation of Bosnia-Herzegovina when the Turkish revolution of July 24 modified the terms of the Near Eastern problem. Baron von Aehrenthal had probably determined beforehand that the annexation should take place before the end of 1908, the Austrian Emperor's year of Diamond Jubilee. Careless of the enthusiasm aroused in Europe by the brilliant success of the Young Turks, he calculated that Russia would be unable to offer serious resistance, while British displeasure need not be taken seriously into account. Two courses were open to him. Both were discussed and the worse was chosen. Austria-Hungary might have emulated the Young Turks by granting a Constitution to the occupied provinces and, while gaining European sympathies, have performed an act of unquestionable sovereignty. Had the Bosnian Musulmans abused—as it was urged that they might abuse—the liberties conferred upon them, Austria-Hungary could have annexed the provinces in self-defence without legitimate protest from any quarter. This sage method was, however, rejected in favour of a high-handed extension of sovereignty, coupled with a promise of eventual Constitutional autonomy. The decision to annex was ratified in Austria by a Council of Ministers held on August 18, 1908.

Five days previously King Edward had visited the Emperor Francis Joseph and received von Aehrenthal at Ischl. Nothing was said of the intended annexation ...

Notwithstanding serious defects of temperament and perceptivity, it is unquestionable that Aehrenthal's main and constant object was to secure for his country a footing of equality with the other Great Powers, and particularly with Germany, in Europe. He was neither pro-German nor anti-German, but Austro-Hungarian ...

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Tax clearance not binding

Regina v Inland Revenue Commissioners, Ex parte Matrix Securities Ltd

Before Lord Templeman, Lord Griffiths, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Mustill

[Speeches February 17]

An advance clearance given by a tax inspector in unequivocal terms for an enterprise zone property investment scheme that involved complex documents and intricate fiscal legislation did not bind the Revenue. As those seeking the clearance should have known, the request for it should never have been made to the inspector but direct to the Financial Institutions Division of the Inland Revenue.

Moreover the memorandum requesting the clearance for what was a sophisticated tax avoidance scheme was inaccurate and misleading and the Revenue were as a result entitled to withdraw the clearance.

The House of Lords so held when dismissing an appeal by the applicants, Matrix Securities Ltd, from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Nolan, Lord Justice Roch dissenting) (*The Times* November 10, 1993; [1993] STC 774) that had upheld the refusal by Mr Justice Laws (*The Times* October 22, 1993) to make a declaration that the withdrawal by the Revenue of written assurances by a tax inspector that the scheme would attract relief under the Capital Allowances Act 1990 was unfair and amounted to an abuse of power.

The applicants sponsored a unit trust scheme designed for higher-rate taxpayers to acquire buildings at South Quay in the London Docklands enterprise zone. The acquisition was to be funded by subscriptions from higher-rate taxpayers who with a minimum investment of £25,000 would pay £30.8 million and would borrow the remaining £64.1 million from a bank.

On July 15, 1993, solicitors acting for the applicants had sought from the tax inspector, *inter alia*, confirmation that "capital allowances will indeed be available to each investor in respect of his share of the purchase price of £95 million". The letter also gave details of "exit arrangements" defined as a "put option" that was intended as one of the attractions of the scheme.

By letters dated July 27 and September 10 the inspector gave the applicants the assurances sought without qualification. On October 8 the Financial Institutions Division of the Inland Revenue informed the applicants that they could not undertake not to challenge certain aspects of the scheme and on October 12 stated that the clearance of July 27 was withdrawn.

Mr David Goldberg, QC, Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr John Walters for the applicants; Lord Lester of Herne Hill, QC and Mr Charles Flint for the Crown.

LORD TEMPLEMAN said that the applicants' solicitors should never have asked the inspector for a clearance. The July 15 letter, that had been finalised by leading counsel, should have been directed to the only authority qualified to deal with it, namely the Financial Institutions Division of the Revenue. No clearance should have been given either by the inspector or by the Financial Institutions Division.

Mr Goldberg contended that it was not misleading to refer to the purchase price for the property being £95 million. If that was in fact accurate and not misleading then the Revenue should not be allowed to revoke the clearance. If, on the other hand, it was materially inaccurate or misleading then the clearance could be revoked.

Under section 10A of the Capital Allowance Act 1990, inserted by Schedule 13 to the Finance (No 2) Act 1992, initial allowances were payable on the net price paid by a purchaser for the relevant interest. The July 15 letter asserted that the price in be paid for the relevant interest was £95 million. On that basis the initial allowance was £38 million. A letter dated August 19 from the applicants to the vendor offered £8 millioo for the relevant interest.

The result of the appeal depended on the resolution of the contradiction between those two letters. The price of £8 million was the real price, being the consideration for the sale by the vendor and the purchase by the trustee of the relevant interest. The price of £95 million was the fiscal price, being a figure fixed by the applicant to enable the investors to claim a tax advantage of £38 million without expending £95 million on the relevant interest.

The South Quay trust was a sophisticated tax avofdance scheme designed to plunder the Treasury of £38 million initial allowances.

Every tax avoidance scheme involved a trick and a pretence. It was the task of the Revenue to unravel the trick and the duty of the court to ignore the pretence. Here the principal trick employed consisted of circular self-cancelling payments exceeding £64 million. The pretence was that the investors were expending that money.

The trick of circular, self-cancelling payments with matching receipts and payments had been rejected in *Ramsay (W T) Ltd v IRC* ([1982] AC 300) and *Ensign Tankers (Leasing) Ltd v Stokes* ([1992] 1 AC 655). In *IRC v Fitzwilliam* ([1993] 1 WLR 1189) the majority of the House had failed in take into account the nature and effect of the transaction regarded as a whole.

Once a tax avoidance scheme was identified, the scheme had to be construed as a whole and the taxing staute had to be applied to the results in fact achieved by the scheme. Applying the 1990 Act to the present scheme, the claim to allowances of £38 million based on pretended expenditure of £95 million had to fail.

The July 15 letter was inaccurate and misleading and the Revenue was therefore entitled to withdraw the clearance.

LORD BROWNE-WILKINSON said that taxpayers frequently needed to know the tax consequences of a transaction before carrying it through. The Revenue were prepared in certain circumstances to give advance assurances as to the tax repercussions of a transaction so that the parties could proceed with confidence.

That practice was of the greatest benefit to taxpayers and it would not be in the public interest to discontinue it.

It was established that in certain circumstances, it was an abuse of power for the Revenue to seek to extract tax contrary to an advance clearance given by them: see *R v IRC, Ex parte Preston* ([1985] AC 835). But the courts could only restrain the Revenue from carrying out their duties to enforce taxation obligations where the assurances given by them made it unfair to contend for a different tax consequence, as a result of which unfairness the exercise of its statutory powers by the Revenue would constitute an abuse of power.

It was further established that if a taxpayer in seeking advance clearance had not made a full disclosure of the relevant circumstances, the Revenue were not acting unfairly: see *R v IRC, Ex parte MFK Underwriting Agents Ltd* ([1990] 1 WLR 1545).

But failure to make full disclosure was not the only case in which it would be no abuse of power for the Revenue to go back oo the assurance given. Many transactions on which clearance was sought were extremely complex.

If the Revenue had made it known that in particular categories of transactions clearance could only be given at a particular level and clearance was not obtained from that level, there was no abuse of power if the Revenue sought to extract tax on a basis different from that contained in the assurance.

If a taxpayer knew or, by reason of Revenue circulars, ought to have known that a binding clearance could only be obtained in a particular way and a purported clearance had been obtained in a different way, there was nothing unfair if the Revenue said they were not bound.

That was sufficient to dispose of the appeal. Before seeking clearance, the applicants were aware of a Revenue statement making it clear that, for the future, advance clearances given at local level relating to schemes containing a "put option" would not bind them: local inspectors, they had said, had oo power to deal with such matters.

LORD GRIFFITHS said that h was part of the human condition that people made mistakes. But they must not be held to mistaken decisions if the mistake was discovered in time to take effective remedial action.

In the circumstances of the case even if the inspector had been the right person to whom to have submitted the scheme and even had it been clearly set out, it would be wholly wrong to hold the Revenue to the mistaken clearance at a cost of £38 million lost revenue.

Lord Jauncey and Lord Mustill delivered concurring speeches.

Solicitors: Theodore Goddard; Solicitor of Inland Revenue.

Freedom for broadcasters

Mrs R v Central Independent Television plc

Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Hoffmann and Lord Justice Waite

[Reasons February 9]

The media were entitled to publish the results of criminal proceedings and what should be left out was mainly a matter for editorial decision. Accordingly, the parental jurisdiction of the court should not be invoked to restrain the publication of a matter of public record or to restrain the publication of a television programme which was in no way concerned with the upbringing or care of a child, but merely affected her indirectly.

The Court of Appeal so stated giving reasons for allowing an appeal on January 27 from the order made by Mr Justice Kirkwood in chambers, on the application of the mother, Mrs R, to prevent Central Independent Television plc from broadcasting a programme that evening without making changes which the television company considered that they were not obliged to make.

The television company, broadcasting a series on the work of Scotland Yard, were due to broadcast at 9.30pm that evening a programme on the work of the Obscene Publication Squad, in particular the work of detectives engaged in "Operation Cathedral" which led to the tracing, arrest and conviction of a man who was the father of the child in the present proceedings.

On October 31, 1992 the father was sentenced to six years imprisonment on two charges of indecency involving young boys. On January 24, 1994 the television company broadcasted a traller of the programme to be shown on Jnauary 27 which was seen by the mother who had been formerly married to the father and by whom she had had a child S, now aged five.

The mother instructed solicitors who pointed out to Central that the programme contained scenes which would idenofy the mother and S resulting in serious distress to S. Negotiations followed in which Central, without admission of any liability to do so, undertook to remove from the programme any pictures showing the house and the road where the mother lived, any pictures of the mother or S and any reference to the fact that the father had had a wife or child.

The mother remained concerned that pictures of the father in the programme would identify herself and the child resulting in harm to the child. She made an application to the judge who ordered that Central might broadcast the programme only if moving pictures of the father were obscured.

Mr Patrick Moloney for Central; Mr Walter Aylen, QC and Mr Nigel Jones for the mother.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that the crucial point about the cases relating to the publication of information about minors who were wards of court was that the publications related to the care and upbringing of the children over whose welfare the court was exercising a supervisory role. The present case was different. The programme was not concerned with the care or upbringing of S.

Indeed the present case was much nearer to the case of *In re X (a Minor)* ([1975] Fam 47). In the Court of Appeal, Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, rejected the idea that there was any balancing exercise to be carried out.

Counsel for the mother, however, drew the court's attention to the passages in the judgments of Lord Justice Roskill and Sir John Pennycuick in *In re X* which suggested that even in that case a balancing exercise had to be carried out and that the court had to weigh the interests of the child against the rights of free speech.

It was also to be observed that in *In re X (a Minor)* ([1984] 1 WLR 1422), Mr Justice Balcombe treated the decision in *In re X (a Minor)* ([1975] Fam 47) as authority for the proposition that the court was concerned in such a case to hold a proper balance between the protection of the ward and the rights of outside parties.

His Lordship was unable to accept the proposition that a balancing act had to be carried out in every case where a threatened publication might be likely to affect a ward. A balancing exercise only became necessary where the threatened publication touched matters which were of direct concern to the court in its supervisory role over the care and upbringing of the ward.

Whether in any particular case the relevant publication was in that category would depend on the facts and on the nature of the publication.

In the present case there was nothing to put against the freedom to publish. For those reasons, his Lordship thought it right to uphold the television company's submission that they were entitled to publish the programme in full and that there was no legal bar to prevent them from including pictures of the place of arrest.

On the other hand, his Lordship would applaud the responsible attitude taken by Central which did what they could to reduce the risk of identification and the risk of harm to the welfare of S. His Lordship hoped that in similar circumstances others would act in a similar way.

The press and broadcasters were entitled to publish the results of criminal proceedings and questions as to what should left out was in the main a matter for editorial decision. It was always to be remembered, however, that the families of those convicted had a heavy burden to bear and the effect of publicity on small children might be very serious.

Lord Justice Hoffmann and Lord Justice Waite delivered concurring judgments.

Solicitors: Mishcon de Reya; German & Soar, Nottingham.

Mere service does not waive privilege

Balkanbank v Taher and Others

Before Mr Justice Clarke

[Judgment January 27]

The mere service of witness statements under an order of the court did not waive privilege in connected documents. The rationale of the rule governing the waiver of privilege was fairness to the other party and did not require the lifting of privilege until the statement had been deployed in court.

Order 38, rule 2A of the Rules of the Supreme Court concerning the service of witness statements retained the adversarial oature of the proceedings and did not give the court a discretion to order the party concerned to adduce the whole or part of such a statement in evidence if the party did not wish to adduce the evidence contained in it.

Mr Justice Clarke so held in the Queen's Bench Division on an interlocutory application by the plaintiffs, Balkanbank, for a declaration that the defendants, Nasser Taher, Via Holdings Ltd and Taher Meats (Ireland) Ltd, had waived privilege in certain documents connected to witness statements they had served on the plaintiffs.

Mr Robert Bright for the plaintiffs; Mr Steven Gee, QC and Mr Joseph O'Neill for the defendants.

MR JUSTICE CLARKE said the plaintiffs had begun a claim for damages for fraud in Ireland against the defendants and in 1990 had obtained a world-wide Mareva [asset-freezing] injunction against them. The Irish court had dismissed the plaintiff's claim in February 1992 and on May 13, 1992 Mr Justice Evans had discharged the injunction and ordered an enquiry into damages.

Mr Justice Saville had subsequently given directions for an exchange of witness statements and pursuant to his order the defendants had served a large oumber of witness statements on the plaintiffs. The plaintiffs claimed that the effect of service of those statements was to waive privilege not only in the statements but also in certain otherwise privileged documents connected with the statements. The defendants said there was no waiver unless and until the documents were deployed in court.

The authorities showed that mere disclosure of a privileged document did not have the effect of waiving privilege for connected documents and in his Lordship's judgment the statement to the contrary in *Phipson on Evidence* (14th edition (1990) paragraph 20-37) was wrong.

In *General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation Ltd v Tonter (The Zephyr)* ([1984] 1 WLR 100) Mr Justice Hobhouse had summarised the principles governing the waiver of privilege on connected documents. That case indicated that service of a statement pursuant to an order of the court would not have the effect of waiving privilege for connected documents.

Paragraph 20-37 of *Phipson* had criticised the decision in *The Zephyr*. But subsequent authorities supported the conclusion that Mr Justice Hobhouse's decision was correct when it was decided and remained correct. None of them supported the proposition that mere service of a statement without in any way deploying it was sufficient to waive privilege in any connected documents.

However, they did support a rationale that a party should not be allowed to deploy part of the relevant material without making all the relevant material available to the other parties.

The effect of the new Order 38, rule 2A was, as Mr Gee correctly submitted, to retain the adversarial nature of the proceedings and was inconsistent with the suggestion that a party deployed a statement exchanged under the rule in court merely by exchange.

Although a party had to serve the statement of a witness upon whom he intended to rely, he retained an absolute right whether or not to call the witness or to put in evidence all or part of the statement.

Where he chose not to call the witness, the other party could not put the statement in evidence, although that other party was enotled himself to serve a notice under the Civil Evidence Acts 1968 and 1972 which might enotle him to put the statement in evidence, subject to the provisions of the Act and the rules. The only other rights which that other party had were in use the statement for the purposes of a discovery application and to cross-examine the maker of the statement on h if he was called.

If the party serving the statement chose to exercise his right not to adduce the evidence contained in part of the statement the decision whether to cross-examine in respect of that part would be entirely that of the other party. He would be the one who was deploying the material in court. In those circumstances fairness did not in his Lordship's judgment require that the first party had to be compelled to disclose privileged documents.

Solicitors: Allen & Overy; Bermans.

Distinguishing shadow directors

In re Hydrodam (Corby) Ltd (in liquidation)

Before Mr Justice Millett

[Judgment December 17]

It did not follow that where a body corporate was a director of a company, whether a *de jure*, *de facto* or shadow director, its own directors were *ipso facto* directors of that company.

To establish that a person was a *de facto* director of a company it was necessary to plead and prove that he undertook functions in relation to that company which could properly be discharged only by a director.

Mr Justice Millett so held in the Chancery Division, allowing appeals from orders made in Northampton County Court by District Judge Whitehurst in proceedings by the liquidator of Hydrodam (Corby) Ltd against two of 14 defendants alleged to have been guilty of wrongful trading in relation to the affairs of that company.

Mr A. G. Bompas for the defendant Leslie Thomas; Mr A. G. Boyle, QC, for the defendant Dr Hardwick; Mr T. Hill for the liquidator.

MR JUSTICE MILLETT said that Hydrodam was a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of Eagle Trust plc and was ordered to be wound up by Northampton County Court on December 13, 1988 on a creditors' petition. The liquidator had alleged that the 14 defendants, including Eagle Trust itself, had been guilty of wrongful trading under section 214 of the Insolvency Act 1986.

His application for orders against them was supported by an affidavit setting out the evidence on which he relied. His case was that each of the defendants, directors of Eagle Trust, had personally acted as *de facto* or shadow directors of Hydrodam.

His Lordship said that shadow director was defined in section 251 of the 1986 Act as a person in accordance with whose instructions the directors of the company were accustomed to act.

Directors could be *de jure*, validly appointed to the office; *de facto*, who assumed to act as directors without having been appointed validly or at all; and shadow directors.

His Lordship observed that an allegation that a defendant acted as *de facto* or shadow director, without distinguishing between the two was embarrassing. It suggested that they were similar and that their roles overlapped.

His Lordship did not accept that. The terms did not overlap. They were alternatives and in most, perhaps all cases were mutually exclusive.

A *de facto* director claimed or purported to act as a director, although not validly appointed as such. A shadow director, by contrast, claimed not to be a director. He lurked in the shadows sheltering behind others who, he claimed, were the only directors of the company to the exclusion of himself.

To establish that a defendant was a shadow director it had to be alleged and proved: (i) who the directors were, whether *de facto* or *de jure*; (ii) that the defendant did direct those directors how to act in relation to the company; (iii) that they did so; and (iv) that they were accustomed so to act.

Having considered the evidence, his Lordship's held that the liquidator had neither pleaded nor adduced any evidence to support any allegation that either Mr Thomas or Dr Hardwick was or had been at any material time a director of Hydrodam. Accordingly the proceedings against those two defendants failed and would be struck out.

Solicitors: Paisner & Co; Dibb Lupton Broomhead; Emsley Collins, Leeds.

Varying backdating of costs order

Kuwait Airways Corporation v Iraqi Airways Company and Another (No 3)

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Leggatt and Lord Justice Henry

[Judgment February 2]

Where the Court of Appeal backdated an order for costs, for the purpose of bearing interest it could, so as to avoid any unfairness caused by fluctuating rates of interest, order the backdating to some date other than that of the judgment in the court below.

The Court of Appeal so stated in a reserved judgment relating to interest on costs following its decision (*The Times* January 20) that Iraqi Airways Company were entitled to have a costs order against Kuwait Airways Corporation backdated.

Mr Joe Smouha for Kuwait Airways; Mr Stephen Nathan, QC, for Iraqi Airways.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that by its order of October 21, 1993 the court had ordered Kuwait Airlines to pay Iraqi Airways costs (*The Times* October 27, 1993). On December 21 the court had stated its intention to backdate the order, so far as it related to Iraqi Airways costs in the court below, to July 3, 1992, the date of Mr Justice Evans's order.

However, relying on detailed calculations of comparative rates of interest, Mr Smouha submitted that such an order would be unfair to Kuwait Airways. He said that the order ought to be backdated only to some intermediate date, so as to produce a liability for interest which, averaged out, would be a fair rate for the period from July 1992 to October 1993.

Mr Nathan submitted that a limited backdating for such a purpose would be an improper exercise of the court's discretion under Order 42, rule 3(2) of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

The difficulty arose because the rate of interest payable on a judgment debt was that prevailing at the date of judgment and the power to vary under Order 42 was to vary the date but not the rate.

If the judgment was backdated to July 3, 1992, it would bear interest at the unnaturally high rate of 15 per cent to October 21, 1993 and it would avail Kuwait Airways nothing to point to the reduced rate of 8 per cent applicable to judgments given after March 31, 1993.

Reaffirming the principle stated by Chief Baron Pollock in *Newton v Grand Junction Railway Co* ((1846) 16 M & W 139, 144) but applying it afresh in the light of the detailed calculations now before the court, it would be unfair to Kuwait Airways to backdate the order to July 1992.

Moreover, there was nothing improper in exercising the court's discretion under Order 42, rule 3(2) so as to avoid that unfairness. No preeise calculatioo was appropriate.

Taking the best account of all relevant circumstances it was directed that the order made on October 21, 1933 should, so far as it related to the relevant costs, be dated as of February 1, 1993.

Solicitors: Clyde & Co; Landau & Scanlan.

Home Secretary contempt allegation fails

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Teame

An immigrant could not claim that the Home Secretary was in criminal contempt of court by ordering his removal from the jurisdiction before the outcome of his residence order application in the Family Division where the judge had declined to prohibit the removal by injunction.

Mr Justice Judge so stated in the Queen's Bench Division on February 11 when dismissing applications by Dawit Teame for judicial review of, *inter olio*, the decision of the Secretary of State for the Home Department to give directions for his removal from the United Kingdom prior in the outcome of his application in the Family Division for residence orders under sections 8 and 10(2) of the Children Act 1989.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the applicant, who arrived in the United Kingdom on May 5, 1993, had on July 20 been refused leave to enter. On July 23, 1993 be began proceedings for residence orders in respect of his minor siblings, who were in the United Kingdom with leave, with the intention of assuming parental responsibility for them.

On December 3, 1993 Mr Justice Connell had refused his claim against the Home Secretary for an injunction preventing his removal from the jurisdiction until the conclusion of the proceedings.

The applicant contended, *inter alio*, that his removal before the determination of the Family Division proceedings would be a criminal contempt by the Home Secretary.

Rejecting that submission, his Lordship regarded it as highly undesirable, sitting in the Queen's Bench Division, to find the Home Secretary in contempt for making a decision which a judge of the Family Division had declined to prohibit.

Court aid in carrying out unenforceable contract

Boddington and Another v Lawton and Another

Before Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor

[Judgment February 4]

Parties who had entered a contract which had become unenforceable were at liberty to implement it and the court would not prevent a party from carrying out an unenforceable contract by giving a remedy to one who had resiled from it.

Sir Donald Nicholls, Vice-Chancellor, so held in the Chancery Division giving reasons for a declaration delivered on January 26.

Mr John Boddington and Mr Brian Caton, managing trustees of the Moss Side Special Hospital branch of the Prison Officers' Association, had issued an originating summons against (i) Mr Ronald Frank Lawton, who represented those members of the association who were defendants in actions brought by patients at the hospital, and (ii) Mr Terence Jarman, who represented all the other members of the association.

They sought the determination of the court on whether the trustees could use association funds to pay for the defence in those actions.

The nursing staff at Moss Side Special Hospital, Liverpool were members of the Prison Officers' Association. In 1987 the nurses engaged in industrial action which could loosely be described as a "lock in".

Patients subsequently initiated legal proceedings against over 200 of the members claiming that during the period of industrial action they were unlawfully confined and their proper medical treatment was obstructed and initiated actions for damages for, *inter alia*, trespass and false imprisonment.

The trial, now postponed, had been due to start on January 12, 1994. So far, the money for the conduct of the defence had been provided by the association. At the last minute a doubt arose over the power of the association to use any more of its funds for that purpose.

The doubt arose thus: in November 1993 the Home Office and Attorney-General brought proceedings to restrain the association from promoting national industrial action, claiming that it did not have the protection of section 219 the Trade Union and Labour Relations Consolidation Act 1992 because a trade dispute was between workers and their employer, but a prison officer was not a "worker" because statute gave him a like status to a police officer who was not a worker: see sections 244 and 280 of the 1992 Act and section 8 of the Prison Act 1952.

Mr Justice May upheld that contention on November 18, 1993. One consequence of that decision was that the association was not a trade union, although pending legislation was likely to reverse that situation in due course, and retrospectively.

The association, therefore, did not currently enjoy the benefit of section 11 of the 1992 Act which rendered lawful and enforceable rules of a trade union which otherwise would be unlawful and unenforceable as restraints of trade.

If the rules of the association were in restraint of trade and accordingly void, the association's officers might not be able to rely on the rules as authority to spend any more of the association's funds in support of the defendants.

Mr Kevin Garnett, QC and Miss Theresa Villiers for the trustees; Mr Edward Bragiel for Mr Lawton; Mr John Hendy, QC and Miss Jennifer Lemkey for Mr Jarman.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR said that the relevant underlying principle was that a contract, here a rule, was in restraint of trade if its effect was to bind or coerce a worker not to work when otherwise he might wish to do so.

Plainly, coercion by imposing a financial or other sanction could be just as effective in deterring a person from breaking ranks as an express rule to that effect. Indeed, it was likely to be far more effective.

His Lordship could therefore see no justification in principle for treating as outside the restraint of trade doctrine a case where the rules provided for such a sanction but did not, in terms, require a member to conform. Accordingly he was satisfied that an intent to impose what was in law a restraint of trade appeared sufficiently clearly in the association's rules.

Having decided that the association's funds were applicable for all the objects of the association in accordance with the rules, that one of the main objects was to further activities which were in unreasonable restraint of trade so far as the members were concerned, and that the other objects and activities could not be disentangled and separated so that some of the rules were valid and enforceable in whole or in part while others were not, what, then, were the managing trustees' powers to use the association's funds?

It was a difficult point. Agreements in restraint of trade were often said to be "illegal" or "unlawful" and therefore "unenforceable" and "void".

But those expressions needed to be handled with great care. Agreements could be vitiated and struck down by the law for widely differing reasons, and questions regarding them arose in widely differing circumstances.

An agreement to commit a murder was unlawful. The same might be said of an agreement unreasonably restricting the activities of a former employee who wished to set up a competing business.

But the law was not so crude as to treat those two instances as identical in all respects when faced with questions arising out of such agreements.

The law's attitude to an agreement in unreasonable restraint of trade was to decline to assist the parties to enforce it. The agreement did not give rise to legally binding obligations, and in that sense it was void.

But in this context, and whatever might be the position regarding contracts of which the law disapproved for other reasons, being void did not mean that the agreement would be disregarded for all purposes and that the law would proceed as though there never had been an agreement between the parties.

On the contrary, the law would countenance the existence of such an agreement. If the parties wished to implement it, they were at liberty to do so. But if either party chose to withdraw, the court would not assist the other to enforce the agreement or award him damages for breach.

The question expressed in the simplest terms was: Two people, A and B, paid money to T. Under the agreement among the three of them, T was subsequently required to pay some of the money to B. The agreement was in unreasonable restraint of trade, and A resiled from it. He objected to T making the payment to B. Would the court, at A's request, intervene to prevent T paying B? If T paid B despite A's objection, could A subsequently obtain compensation or damages from T?

There was no authority directly in point so, perforce, his Lordship had to proceed by basic reasoning.

The first step was to consider whether, if T paid B without objection from A, T could afterwards recover the payment from B. The answer had to be "No". T had carried out an unenforceable contract.

There could be no foundation, at law or in equity, entitling him to recover the payment. In the absence of fraud or mistake or something of that character, no one would say that B had been unjustly enriched.

What had happened was simply that, although not legally compellable to do so, T had made to B a payment he had agreed to make. The payment was in accord with the parties' expectations and intentions under the contract, albeit that in law the contract was unenforceable.

In that way, although the contract was unenforceable and in that sense void, the law took cognisance of the existence of the contract and its terms to the extent of looking to them for an explanation of how the payment came to be made.

That explanation negatived A's claim that he "ought" to have a restitutionary remedy and recover the money. If the law were otherwise, and if T could recover the money from B, the law would effectively be preventing parties from carrying out an unenforceable contract, because if one of them subsequently changed his mind he could get his money back.

It followed that A could not sue T for having made the payment to B. Nor would the court intervene if A's objection occurred before T paid B.

In the instant case the managing trustees were not obliged by the rules to pay for the conduct of the defence of the actions. They had a discretion.

So the final step was to consider whether the answers to the questions would be difference if under the unenforceable agreement T was empowered, but not obliged, to pay B. In his Lordship's view that could not be a material difference.

The key to A's inability to obtain redress in respect of the payment by T to B lay, not in T being under an obligation to make the payment, but in the payment being one which accorded with the terms on which A parted with his money. A could not be heard to object to the other party carrying out those terms or later obtain redress for his having done so.

Accordingly, his Lordship would declare that the fact that the association was currently outside the statutory definition of a trade union would not enable any member of the association to bring a claim against either of the managing trustees who had applied money pursuant to the rules of the association in assisting the defendants in the Moss Side actions.

Solicitors: Lees Lloyd Whitley, Liverpool; Brabner Holden, Liverpool; Robin Thompson & Partners.

European Law Report

Luxembourg

Factor applicable to benefit

Toosey v Chief Adjudication Officer

Case C-287/92

Before Judge D. A. O. Edward, President of the First Chamber and Judges R. Joliet and G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias

Advocate General C. O. Lenz

(Opinion November 18, 1993)

[Judgment January 27]

The factor which determined whether article 71 of European Council Regulation 1408/71 was applicable to a claimant for benefits was the residence of the person concerned in a member state other than that to whose legislation he was subject during his last employment.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities (First Chamber) so held in replying to questions referred to it by the Social Security Commissioner (United Kingdom) for a preliminary ruling under article 177 of the EEC Treaty.

Mrs Toosey, was a British national who had worked in the United Kingdom in the period 1964 to 1965. She had not worked in the United Kingdom since 1965. In 1973, for reasons connected with her husband's work, she moved with her family to Belgium where she worked from the end of 1974 to March 18, 1982.

She ceased working in March 1982 as a result of spastic hemiplegia, which confined her to a wheelchair. In October 1983 the family moved from Belgium to France and returned to the United Kingdom in July 1985.

On December 19, 1985 Mrs Toosey applied in the United Kingdom for severe disablement allowance pursuant to section 36 of the Social Security Act 1975.

That application was rejected by the King's Lynn social security appeal tribunal on the ground that, although Mrs Toosey satisfied the conditions as to presence in Great Britain, she did not satisfy the conditions relating to residence set out in regulation 3 of the Social Security (Severe Disablement Allowance) Regulations (SI 1984 No 1303) since she had not been resident in Great Britain for 10 of the 20 years preceding her application for severe disablement allowance.

Mrs Toosey, however, contended that she was entitled to receive severe disablement allowance by virtue of Council Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 of June 14, 1971 on the application of social security schemes to employed persons, to self-employed persons and to members of their families moving within the Community, as amended and updated by Council Regulation (EEC) No 2001/83 of June 2, 1983 (OJ 1983 L230 p6).

She argued that her case was governed by article 39(5) of that regulation, in the version applicable prior to the entry into force of later amending legislation, as she was one of the persons to whom the provisions of article 71(1)(b)(ii) applied.

She claimed that she was not a frontier worker but rather a wholly unemployed worker returning to the member state in which she resided and hence was entitled to receive benefits in the United Kingdom in accordance with the legislation of that member state.

The Social Security Commissioner, to whom Mrs Toosey appealed against the decision of the King's Lynn social security appeal tribunal, referred six questions to the Court of Justice for a preliminary ruling pursuant to article 177 of the EEC Treaty.

In its judgment the Court (First Chamber), ruled:

1 The first sentence of article 71(1)(b)(ii) of regulation No 1408/71 was to be interpreted as meaning that it did not apply to a worker who:

(a) resided and worked in member state A (of which he was a national);

(b) subsequently moved with his family to member state B where be resided for 10 years, worked and suffered incapacity for work followed by invalidity;

(c) subsequently moved with his family to member state C where he resided for two years but did not work (owing to his invalidity) and;

(d) finally took up residence again in member state A, where he did not work or register for employment, owing to his invalidity;

2 Under article 86 of Regulation No 1408/71 and article 35 of Regulation (EEC) No 574/72 of March 21, 1972 laying down the procedure for implementing Regulation No 1408/71, as amended, the institution of the state of residence was required to forward a claim for invalidity benefit submited to it to the competent institution of the state of last employment: it was not, on the other hand, required to pay such benefit to the claimant.

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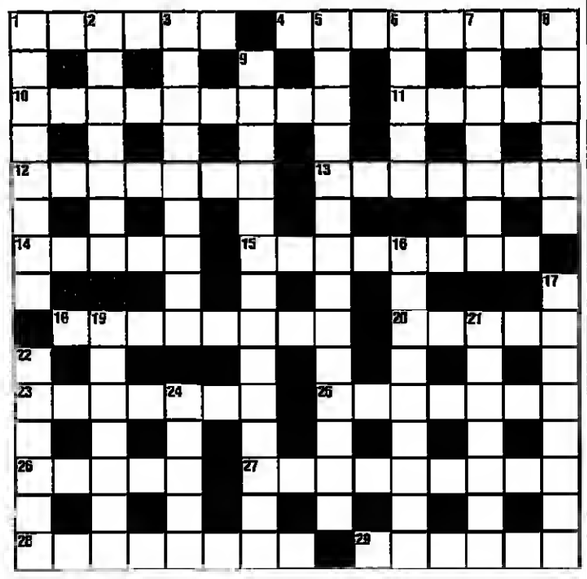

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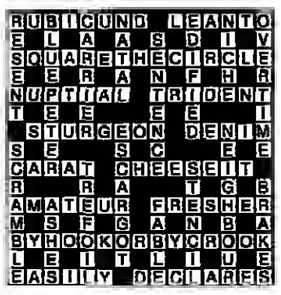

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

TODAY

Sun rises: 7.07 am — Sun sets: 5.23pm
Moon sets 2.05 am — Moon rises 10.38 am
Full moon February 25

London 5.23 pm to 7.07 am
Bristol 5.32 pm to 7 17 am
Edinburgh 5.25 pm to 7.29 am
Manchester 5.27 pm to 7.20 am
Penzance 5 47 pm to 7.26 am

TOMORROW

Sun rises: 7.05 am — Sun sets: 5.24pm
Moon sets 3.00 am — Moon rises 11.26pm
Full moon February 25

London 5.24 pm to 7.05 am
Bristol 5 34 pm to 7.15 am
Edinburgh 5.27 pm to 7.27 am
Manchester 5 29 pm to 7 18 am
Penzance 5 49 pm to 7.24 am

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8 56	5.88	7 26	5.79
Aberdeen	6.53	3.36	7.24	3.34
Avonmouth	11 55	9 67	—	—
Belfast	4.34	2.99	5.00	2.89
Cardiff	11.40	9.08	—	—
Devonport	10.43	4 30	11.19	4 30
Dover	3 55	5 41	4.34	5 09
Falmouth	10.13	4.10	10.49	4.10
Glasgow	6 02	4.30	6.27	4 00
Harwich	4.38	3 30	5.09	3.14
Holyhead	3 32	4.35	4 08	4.26
Hull	11 27	5 76	—	—
Ilfracombe	11.09	6 78	11 40	6 62
King's Lynn	11 33	4 80	—	—
Leith	8 10	4 35	8 37	4.29
Liverpool	4.09	7.30	4 47	7.14
Lowestoft	2.42	2.15	3.23	2 08
Margate	5.04	3.93	5.41	3.86
Milford Haven	11.23	5.16	11 58	5.01
Newquay	10.24	5.30	10 57	5 10
Oban	10 47	2 90	11 06	2.80
Penzance	9.58	4.30	10.36	4.30
Portland	10.56	1.30	11 37	1.40
Portsmouth	4.16	4.00	4.51	3.70
Shoreham	4 00	4.90	4.32	4.61
Southampton	4.09	3.76	4 43	3.59
Swansea	11 40	7 17	—	—
Tees	9.20	4.14	9 49	4 12
W'ton-on-Nze	4.38	3 48	5 09	3.33

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** Eastern England will start cold and frosty but will have sunny spells. Any fog patches over central parts will clear, leaving many places dry and fairly bright. Wales and western England will be cloudy and mostly dry at first. Rain will spread to the southwest in the afternoon and to Wales, western England and some central areas later. Northern Ireland and western Scotland will be cloudy with a little drizzle in places. Rain will spread to these areas in the afternoon and evening, with sleet on the hills. Eastern Scotland will stay dry.

☐ **London, S E England, E Anglia, E Midlands, E England, Central N:** Frosty start, then dry and bright. Wind southeast light or moderate. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Central S England, W Midlands, Channel Isles:** Any fog patches clearing, then mostly dry, but rain later. Wind southeast moderate. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **S W England, N Ireland:** Cloudy with rain in the afternoon and evening. Wind southeast moderate to fresh becoming southwest. Max 7C (45F).

☐ **S Wales, N Wales, N W England, Lake District, Isle of Man, S W Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll, N W Scotland:** Mostly cloudy and dry, rain later with sleet on hills. Wind southeast fresh. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **N E England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, N E Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** Frost clearing, then dry with sunny spells. Wind southeast moderate or fresh. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **Outlook:** Rain and sleet edging east and turning to snow in places then slowly dying out on Monday.

AROUND BRITAIN

MIDDAY: b=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; o=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	0.01	1	34	sn
Anglesey	4.1	-	9	46	b
Aspatria	7.8	-	6	43	s
Aviemore	8.7	-	5	41	s
Belfast	0.4	-	4	39	c
Birmingham	-	-	4	39	fg
Bognor R	4.6	-	8	46	s
Bournem'th	1.3	-	8	46	c
Bristol	3.3	-	9	48	b
Buxton	-	0.02	1	34	r
Cardiff	1.7	-	8	43	c
Clacton	-	-	6	43	c
Cleethorpes	X				
Colwyn Bay	3.6	-	8	46	s
Cromer	-	0.09	4	39	r
Dunbar	X				
Eastbourne	3.5	-	8	46	b
Edinburgh	4.2	-	4	39	b
Eskdalemuir	2.7	-	1	34	b
Exmouth	-	-	8	46	du
Falmouth	X	0.04	10	50	c
Folkestone	-	0.02	6	43	c
Glasgow	4.9	-	3	37	fg
Guernsey	0.1	-	8	46	c
Hastings	1.1	-	7	45	c
Hayling I.	X				
Herne Bay	1.4	0.01	8	45	c
Hove	5.7	-	8	46	b
Hunstanton	-	0.03	5	41	d
Isle of Man	0.1	-	5	41	du
Jersey	1.3	-	7	45	fg
Kinloss	4.3	-	5	41	s
Leeds	0.3	0.05	3	37	c
Lerwick	1.1	0.03	4	39	d
Leuchars	1.6	-	0	32	c
Littlehmptn	4.8	-	7	45	c
Liverpool	-	-	3	37	c
London	-	-	7	45	c
Lowestoft	-	0.01	8	43	r
Manchester	0.1	0.01	4	39	r
Margate	X	-	7	45	du
Minehead	X	-	8	46	b
Morecambe	1.6	-	5	41	b
Newcastle	5.8	0.01	3	37	fg
Newquay	X				
Norwich	-	0.01	6	43	r
Nottingham	-	0.06	2	36	sn
Penzance	-	-	10	50	c
Plymouth	0.4	-	9	48	c
Poole	0.5	-	8	46	c
Rose-o-mye	0.3	-	5	41	fg
Ryde	X				
Salcombe	X				
Sandown	2.8	-	7	45	b
Saunin Brd	3.0	-	9	48	s
Scarboro'	5.2	0.09	5	41	b
Scilly Isles	0.3	-	11	52	c
Shanklin	2.5	-	8	46	b
Skegness	-	0.05	3	37	fg
Southport	X				
Southsea	5.9	-	7	45	c
Stornoway	7.7	-	6	43	s
Swanage	-	-	7	45	c
Teignmouth	-	-	8	46	du
Tenby	-	-	7	45	du
Tiree	6.2	-	5	41	s
Torquay	0.1	-	6	46	c
Tynemouth	7.1	-	3	37	s
Ventnor	2.2	-	8	46	b
West-s-mare	0.9	-	7	45	c
Weymouth	0.1	-	8	46	c

These are Thursday's figures

ABROAD

	C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	11	52	s	C'phagn	-1	30	c	Majorca	13	55	d	Riyadh	18	64	s
Akrotiri	16	61	s	Corfu	16	61	f	Malaga	16	61	c	Rome	8	46	f
Alex'dria	20	68	s	Dublin	7	45	r	Malta	16	61	f	Salzburg	1	34	s
Algiers	16	61	f	Dubrovnik	13	55	c	Melb'rne	16	61	c	S F'risco	10	50	f
Amst'dm	1	34	s	Faro	16	61	s	Mexico C	16	61	s	S Paulo	33	91	f
Athens	14	57	f	Florence	8	46	s	Miami	21	70	r	Seoul	11	52	s
Bahrain	19	66	s	Frankfurt	-1	30	s	Milan	3	37	s	Sing'por	32	90	f
Bangkok	34	93	f	Funchal	18	64	c	Montreal	-4	25	f	St'holm	-5	23	s
Barbados	28	82	c	Geneva	3	37	f	Moscow	-5	23	c	Strasb'rg	2	36	s
Barcelona	8	46	r	Gibraltar	15	59	c	Munich	1	34	s	Sydney	22	72	c
Beirut	15	59	s	Helsinki	-5	23	s	Nairobi	27	81	s	Tangier	16	61	f
Belgrade	-3	27	f	Hong K	15	59	f	Naples	10	50	f	Tel Aviv	17	63	s
Berlin	-2	28	s	Innsbruk	0	32	s	N Delhi	21	70	s	Tenerife	16	64	f
Bermuda	17	63	f	Istanbul	11	52	s	N York	3	37	s	Tokyo	12	54	s
Biarritz	9	48	r	Jeddah	30	86	s	Nice	11	52	s	Toronto	3	37	f
Borde'x	13	55	f	Jo'burg	22	72	f	Oslo	-4	25	s	Tunis	11	52	f
Brussels	3	37	s	L Palmas	18	64	f	Paris	5	41	f	Valencia	18	64	f
Budapst	0	32	f	Le Tquet	3	37	f	Peking	4	39	s	Vanc'ver	6	43	r
B Aires	24	75	s	Lisbon	14	57	f	Perth	32	90	c	Venice	4	39	s
Cairo	23	73	s	Locarno	2	36	c	Prague	-5	23	s	Vienna	-1	30	f
Cape Tn	20	68	c	L Angeis	10	50	r	Reykjavik	5	41	r	Warsaw	-2	28	s
Chicago	9	48	s	Luxembg	2	36	f	Rhodes	16	61	f	Wash'ton	9	48	s
Ch'church	22	72	s	Luxor	28	82	s	Rio de J	34	93	f	Wel'ngton	25	77	s
Cologne	3	37	s	Madrid	12	54	f	Rio de J	32	90	f	Zurich	1	34	c

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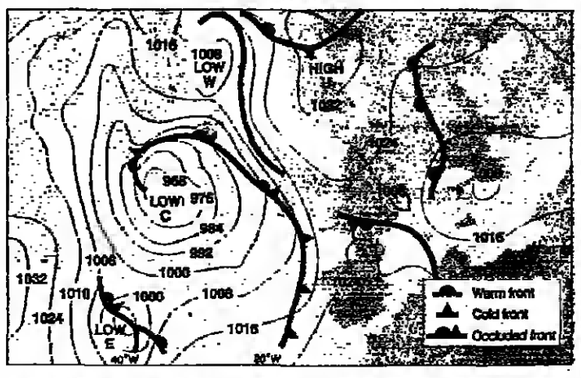

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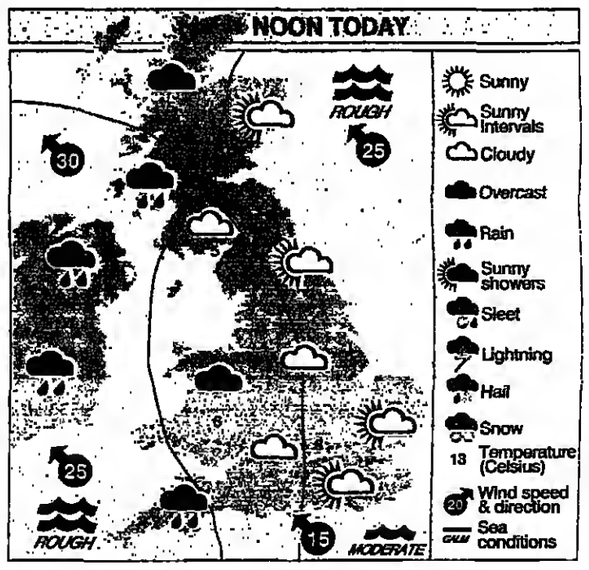

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Plunge in global bond markets spills over into shares

BY JANET BUSH IN LONDON AND PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

GLOBAL bond markets plunged yesterday in a selling rout that now threatens to establish a self-feeding momentum and has already spilled over into stock markets.

Bond markets across the world have been under pressure since the start of this year, but some kind of breaking point arrived last week after the US Federal Reserve tightened monetary policy.

Yesterday alone, gilts lost 1.5 per cent of their value and US Treasury bonds 1 per cent by mid-session. Reports swept markets from London to Tokyo of stop-loss selling in bond futures and of very large securities houses liquidating large parts of their bond portfolios.

Stoking panic in New York were unconfirmed rumours that Japanese securities houses were dumping bonds to show displeasure at US/Japan trade tension.

David Roche, international strategist at Morgan Stanley, yesterday called the end of the bull market in bonds, saying that global interest rates will follow US rates on an upward path into the next century. "From 1995, global demand for capital from restructuring countries and rapidly slowing savings rates in Japan will push up real interest rates worldwide," he said.

Leon Brand, of Natwest Securities in New York, said: "People are getting hysterical. There are some [houses] with very long positions and all they want to do is get to the exit." Joseph Liro, of SG Warburg USA, said: "If the volume were to be slightly heavier, I would say we are seeing panic selling. Still, we are seeing a fairly strong liquidation."

In after-hours trading, UK long gilt futures plunged, losing more than half a point from yesterday's settlement level as US debt futures fell to a 1994 low. Sharply rising bond yields unnerved equity markets, already scared that higher interest rates will hit company profits. By lunchtime, the Dow Jones industrial average had lost more than 40 points. The FT-SE 100 index closed 42.7 lower at 3,382.6.

The markets are now being subjected to a dangerous domino effect. The multi-billion dollar hedge funds, which built up huge holdings of bonds last year on high levels of borrowing, have been dumping bonds all over the world this year. Hedge fund selling is still reported to be going oo and is particularly unnerving because these funds are very secretive about their market positions and no one knows how much more selling may occur.

This activity has left vulnerable many securities houses that stayed bullish oo bonds and held long positions even as prices have dropped. Many of these have led this week's heavy selling.

George Magnus, of Warburg Securities, said: "Given the speed and scale of what has happened, it would be very surprising if a number of investment banks weren't moving closer to shore [by cutting long positions]." There is unlikely to be much respite for markets next week. New York traders returning on Tuesday after a public holiday could run into further evidence of what sparked this week's sell-off. Alan Greenspan, the Fed chairman, gives testimony to Congress on Tuesday. Mention of higher interest rates could trigger selling.

Thursday's selling came after the Philadelphia Federal Reserve reported growing price pressure.

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Power group looks at £1bn demerger plan

BY NEIL BENNETT

■ Investors in National Power would be given free shares in a new independent power company if the group goes ahead with plans to split itself into two

NATIONAL Power, Britain's largest electricity generator, is considering a demerger to comply with the regulatory conditions it agreed to last week. The group is looking at ways of hiving off a smaller power company, worth an estimated £1 billion, and giving shares in the new company to its existing shareholders.

Plans for a hive-off are said to be the favourite option being considered by the group's board after last week's review of the generation market published by Offer, the electricity industry watchdog.

National Power and PowerGen escaped a referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission by agreeing to divest 6,000 megawatts of capacity in the next two years. The move was forced on them by Offer in an attempt to stimulate competition.

National Power itself must sell 4,000 of its 24,000 megawatt capacity. Until now, most industry watchers have expected it to opt for a straight sale of some of its smaller and less efficient capacity. But National Power is not convinced such a sale would be straightforward, given the environmental liabilities its older stations carry.

Instead, National Power is considering creating a package of one medium-sized and four or five smaller of its 31 power stations and floating them separately in an independent company. Like other hive-offs by companies such as Courtaulds, Racal and Pearson, shareholders would receive free shares in the new company. The group would fulfil all its regulatory requirements in one move.

PowerGen, the smaller of the two quoted generators, is also thought to be looking at the option of splitting off a new company, although it only needs to divest 2,000 megawatts of capacity.

One factor prompting National Power to consider a demerger is that it does not need the cash from a sale. The group has low debts, which are falling rapidly as it consumes its large coal stocks. The existing business is producing sufficient cash for National Power's expansion, such as its power station projects in Portugal and Pakistan.

One factor that could swing National Power back in favour of a trade sale for its excess plant is a surge in overseas investment opportunities. The group's board has not made a final decision on which option to take.

The possibility of a demerger will have a significant impact on the Government's plans to sell its remaining 40 per cent stake in both generators, to raise an estimated £4 billion.

The sale is expected in October, but the Government's advisers are likely to insist the companies make a decision on the disposal of their excess plant before then. If there are any delays, the privatisation may be put off until next year.

Nevertheless, City brokers are excited about the prospect of a demerger in the power industry, since they believe it could prompt a re-rating in National Power's shares.

Nicholas Pink, an analyst at Warburg Securities, said he welcomed the suggestion. "This is good news for shareholders since the sum of the parts will at least equal the whole. A sale would prove problematic since it is enormously difficult trying to value power plant."

A hive-off would increase competition in the electricity generation market since the new company would bid its power into the pool, which is dominated by National Power and PowerGen. The presence of a third competitor could help to persuade Offer to lift the regulatory price cap it is imposing on the pool after the two-year time-limit expires.

Power chiefs are concerned about the imposition of the price cap, which was announced in Offer's review last week, since they think it could prove difficult for the industry to move back to a free market once the regulation expires.

National Power's decision about whether to proceed with a hive-off will be finalised once it has reviewed its plant and decided which to sell. In addition, it will examine the market for a trade sale and ascertain the amount it could raise from a sale.

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RAOUL DIXON

Dave Doleman reflects on the end of an era at Ellington Colliery, Northumberland, which closed yesterday. The pit will be on "care and maintenance", in case of takeover

Lloyd's sets up 'value group' in radical overhaul

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

LLOYD's of London is considering the most ambitious and radical overhaul to its working methods in its 300-year history.

It has set up a "value group", chaired by one of its deputy chairmen, to look at a range of issues that could lead to a system for valuing syndicates, enabling names to buy and sell their participations in syndicates and charging managing agents for using the "Lloyd's" brand name.

The group, which is due to report in April, has been asked to come up with proposals for the development of the insurance market's capital base.

In doing this, "the value group will examine the scope for creating a market in syndicate participations, so that existing members might be able to realise value from their current participations," David Rowland, the chairman, wrote in a letter to Lloyd's professionals.

Linked with this is the formation of Newco, the reinsurance company being set up to take over names' liabilities for policies written in 1985 and before. It is conceivable that names may cash out of their syndicates and use the proceeds to help pay the fee charged by Newco to take over their liabilities.

Then there is the idea of introducing pre-emption rights so when a syndicate increases its capacity from £10 million to £11 million a name on the syndicate would have the right to subscribe for his pro-rata share of that increase.

In turn, this raises questions over what rights exist for names underwriting through Mapas, the new underwriting pooling arrangements, and what happens if a name dies.

☐ More than 30 people have committed suicide or suffered premature deaths as a result of losses at Lloyd's, according to Christopher Stockwell, chairman of the umbrella organisation for thousands of litigating names.

The claim was made in the wake of yesterday's apparent suicide by Admiral Sir Richard Fitch, 64, a Lloyd's name, who was found dead in his car.

A Lloyd's of London spokesman said he was aware of seven incidents of names taking their own lives and that there was no corroborating evidence to support the allegation that the number was higher.

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The bank that forgot to cut its base rate

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BARCLAYS Mercaotile, Barclays Bank's leasing, asset finance and corporate financial services arm, has been over-charging its commercial mortgage customers because it had not expected base rates to fall below 6 per cent.

Most of the company's 1,800 customers are understood to be affected. They had customer mortgage agreements provided on the basis of a set margin above finance house base rates. These variable commercial mortgage rates move up or down when base rates move.

However, Barclays Mercantile has been imposing a minimum base rate of 6 per cent on its customers, something it is not entitled to do unless such a minimum rate is stipulated in its mortgage agreement. While agreements with some customers do stipulate such a minimum, later agreements, made when the market became more competitive, do not state a minimum.

With base rates at 5.25 per cent since last week, and at 5.5 per cent since November 23, and with finance house base rates at 5.5 per cent from January, Barclays Mercantile's January rate should have come down by half a percentage point.

The finance house base rate, published every month by the Finance and Leasing Association, is the average of three-month Libor, the rate at which banks lend to each other, taken over the previous eight weeks.

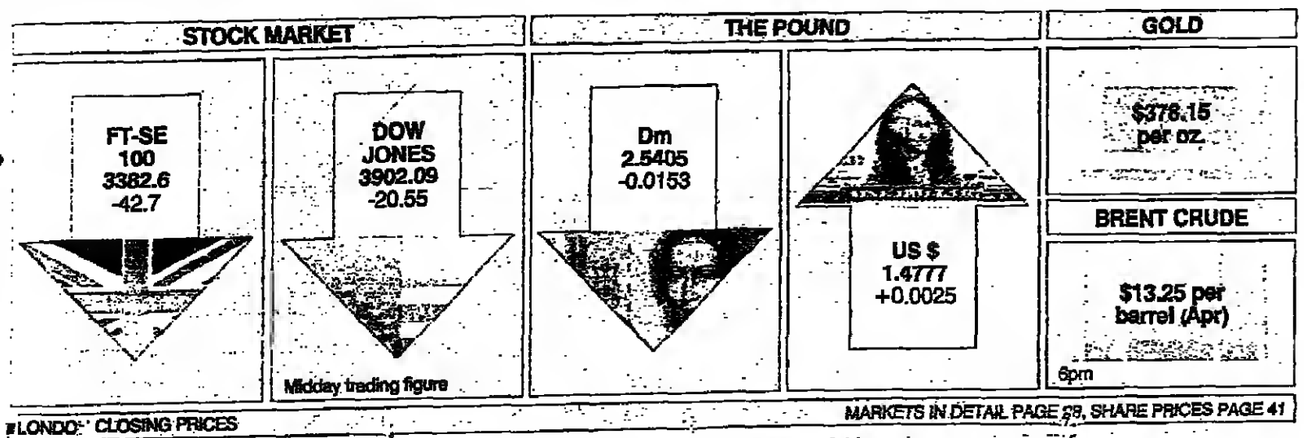
A spokesman for Barclays Mercantile said: "There was a technical problem in that our computer system was set up with a minimum finance house base rate of 6 per cent. We have recognised that the finance house base rate has fallen below that, therefore, with effect from February, the current finance house base rate will apply."

He said the company was "caught out" because "we never expected them (base rates) to fall below 6 per cent".

He added that on those accounts where the company has identified the mistake it is in the process of rectifying the problem. He said the adjustments may take some time, but "we will do a retrospective interest rate adjustment".

The bank has been beset by problems this week. A strike vote by branch staff was narrowly overturned on Thursday, and a coroner accused Barclays of harrying a customer who committed suicide over an outstanding loan repayment of £72.

☐ Almost 2 million customers of New York's Chemical Bank were checking statements yesterday after $15 million disappeared out of almost 100,000 accounts this week.



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How Kenneth Clarke can give £480m to charity

St Valentine's Day brought sonnets from some; tenders to run the UK's £4 billion National Lottery from others. Richard Branson won the public relations battle, witness the media coverage of himself, Desert Orchid and Lord Young trotting through the snow in the vicinity of Trafalgar Square. Only Nelson turned a blind eye.

That said, few of the consortia have actually attempted to compete with Branson in the publicity stakes. Rank Organisation, led by chief executive Michael Gifford, has played its cards particularly close to its chest. Little is known about strategy other than that a consortium of City institutions is expected to finance much of an essentially "in house" operation with Rank, the operating company, securing service providers — including US lottery specialists Automated Wagering International — via tenders. Similarly, the Enterprise Lottery, which embraces the Tote, chaired by Lord Wyatt, GEC, Thorn EMI and the Canadian Autotote Corporation, has also adopted a distinctly low orofile. NM Rothschild, which has teamed up with Tattersalls, the Australian lottery operator, has also opted for good by stealth tactics; albeit a mover and shaker behind the scenes. Not that any of Sir Evelyn de Rothschild's colleagues are likely to have suggested that he should trot up and down St Swithin's Lane with a racehorse.

Camelot, a well fancied consortium which includes Cadbury Schweppes, Racal, De La Rue, ICL and G-Tech, the Rhode Island-based lottery operator, raised the curtain on its formation to a fanfare of publicity last November but subsequently focussed on tender preparation and background briefings.

G-Tech holds 26 out of the 36 on-line computer contracts in the US and operates 65 lotteries world wide. Certain UK journalists are reputed to have received anonymous envelopes containing smear material on G-Tech, essentially alleging that G-Tech uses questionable techniques in the US to influence lottery officials and politicians. G-Tech's reaction is that it has been the subject of "dirty tricks" ever since it emerged as a leader in its field and points to six court cases which challenged its contracts in the US, all of which it won. It also cites its recent success in winning a contract in Texas to provide an electronic system for making welfare payments: a contract that involved vetting by the federal government.

G-Tech's arch competitor is AWI which has aligned itself with the Great British Lottery Company, spearheaded by Gerry Robinson, chief executive of Granada, and Rank Organisation, and is believed to have held talks with other consortia, just in case the ploy of backing two of the field proves unsuccessful. G-Tech made profits of $21 million last year on a $500 million turnover. Dan Bower,

MELVYN MARCKUS

AWI's chairman, denies the company is behind a campaign to discredit. Speaking to the *Financial Times* he recently declared: "To my knowledge, we are not running any smear campaign."

Peter Davis, Director General of the National Lottery, is thus left with eight tenders to vet, the promise being that the services of MI5, Interpol and similar agencies will be called upon if required. Meanwhile, Davis also faces a veritable mountain of paperwork, which support the various tenders, to sift through.

One piece of the mountain has, unsurprisingly, received considerable coverage, namely Branson's cover leter to Davis. In his words: "I have made enough money to look after my family for some generations to come....I have two choices: I can continue to start and build up companies for personal profit. Or I can apply much of my energy to setting up and running the lottery. I want you to give me the chance to do the latter. It matters more than anything I have done or thought of doing in my lifetime. The chance to raise in seven years up to £2 billion a year for good causes would be something to which anyone would be prepared to devote their life."

Branson made much of the fact that "Virgin has become one of Britain's best known international brand names"; less of his role in heading up UK 2000, set up in 1986 to motivate new business, create new jobs and tidy up Britain's streets. In the event, Branson bowed out of UK 2000, which received some £23 million of Government funds, in 1988 with the enterprise wound up, in all but name, two years later.

That said, Branson's proposals that profits will go to charity has clearly made a huge impact with bookmakers William Hill promptly making the UK Lottery Foundation 7 to 2 favourite: odds which, by the end of the week, had shortened to 6 to 4.

Critics, including rival consortia, argue that the crucial factor is the ability of a consortium to generate the maximum turnover. As our *Pennington* column pointed out this week a 10 per cent increase in a £4 billion turnover would generate an extra £100 million for good causes at cost, in terms of after-tax profit, of around £5 million. Or, quite possibly, less. Branson can, most certainly, be credited with having forced several consortia to significantly shave margins, probably to well under original estimates of 2 per cent.

But, of course, John Major, understood to be taking a close interest in the progress of the National Lottery, appears to have missed a trick. If the Government is serious about maximising funds to good causes the answer lies with Kenneth Clarke over at the Treasury. The only "fixed" aspect of the Lottery equation is that the Exchequer is going to levy a 12 per cent tax on the drop which, incidentally, is understood to be estimated at significantly above £4 billion in several tenders. All Major needs to do - in terms of improving his ever declining popularity - is make the National Lottery an untaxed charity. This, overnight, would yield an extra £480 million for good causes - excluding VAT and corporation tax on any profits.

Weak lending highlights concern over tax rises

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

THE Government yesterday faced fresh evidence that consumers are beginning to retrench ahead of huge tax increases to be imposed in April.

Bank of England M4 money-supply figures showed that lending by banks and building societies to companies and individuals rose by only £200 million in January, against City expectations of a £2 billion rise.

A further pointer to increased defensiveness among consumers came from the Building Societies Association, whose figures showed that net new commitments fell to £1.83 billion in January, their lowest level for a year, from £2.09 billion in December. Adrian Coles, the BSA Director-General, said: "A major area of concern over the short-term prospects for the housing market remains the tax increases which are in the pipeline for April."

There was another worrying component to the building society figures, suggesting that even if the Government cuts interest rates further, societies may not be able to afford to match these with lower mortgage rates. Societies experienced the first recorded net outflow of funds in January, due to fierce competition for savings. Last month, societies faced stiff competition from the Government's Pensioners Guaranteed Income Bond. February is also destined to be a difficult month for societies because customers may withdraw funds to pay for the second instalment on the third British Telecom share issue.

Big building societies made clear after the Government signalled the recent quarter-point cut in base rates that this was not enough to persuade them to cut mortgage rates. With intense competition for savings, it is doubtful whether societies would be able to cut mortgage rates, even with another quarter-point cut.

Figures from the British Bankers' Association completed the picture of weak borrowing. Total sterling lending by major banks rose by only £652 million in January, well down on December's increase of £1.55 billion. Personal borrowing was slightly higher, up in January by £675 million after December's £597 million rise.

However, manufacturers, property companies, service companies, retailers and securities dealers all repaid borrowing last month. The BBA said that mortgage lending rose by £575 million, well down on December's rise of £733 million.

Yesterday's figures rounded off a week of disappointing economic statistics including a rise in unemployment, a fall in manufacturing output and evidence that only by slashing prices did retailers achieve a decent rise in sales in January.

Concerns about the effect of impending tax rises were compounded by yesterday's economic outlook from the London Business School, predicting growth sliding from 2.5 per cent this year to 2.2 per cent in 1995 and only 2.3 per cent in 1996.

David Lloyd, the former Davis Cup player, said yesterday trading at his eponymous group was "particularly encouraging", with more sports clubs planned

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

BT salary freeze to go ahead as talks collapse

BT is to impose a salary freeze on 23,000 white-collar staff after pay talks collapsed. BT is awarding an average 3 per cent salary rise from April to the top 10 per cent of performers among its 26,000 junior and middle managers. One-off performance-related bonus payments, averaging £800, will go to 85 per cent of managerial staff while 15 per cent will receive no increase at all.

The Society of Telecom Executives (STE), BT's white-collar union, rejected the pay deal and up to 400 members protested yesterday outside the group's London head office as BT decided to go ahead with the settlement without union agreement. BT said a wide-ranging study of pay had found that BT managers, who earn between £17,000 and £35,000, were in many cases paid 20 per cent more than the market rate and there was a need to realign managers' pay levels.

NatWest cuts clearance

NATIONAL Westminster has followed Barclays and Midland in cutting cheque clearance time. For interest purposes only, clearance will take three days although withdrawals on the value of the cheque are only possible on the fourth day. Lloyds said it was not planning a similar move, claiming it would make little difference in terms of interest payments. The banks' move points to the day when charges on personal accounts in credit will be reintroduced.

Gestetner seeks £16m

GESTETNER Holdings, the office and photographic supplies distributor, is raising £16.2 million via a placing of 9 million shares at 180p to strengthen its balance sheet and finance small acquisitions. Last month, it disclosed losses of £33 million for last year after a £50 million restructuring charge. The shares fell 8p to 181p. David Thompson, chairman, said the group was cautious but would invest where conditions were suitable. Tempus, page 27

Italy bank stake sale

HSBC Holdings, Midland Bank's parent, could make up to £21 million from the sale of a 56.6 per cent stake in Euromobiliare, the Italian merchant bank, acquired when HBSC bought Midland in 1992. It confirmed it had been approached by Italy's Credito Emiliano. Estimates put the stake's value at 40 billion to L50 billion lire (£16.6 million to £21 million). Euromobiliare's restructuring helped it to a L3.43 billion profit in the first half of 1993 (L10.27 billion loss).

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Airbus may put rivals' deal to Gatt

AIRBUS Industrie is considering complaining to Gatt over a $6 million deal to supply 50 airliners to Saudi Arabia by Boeing and McDonnell, the American planemakers.

"We are astonished by the manner in which these contracts were announced," an Airbus spokesman said.

The deal was announced on Wednesday at a White House conference by Prince Bandar ibn Sultan, Saudi ambassador to the US, in the presence of President Clinton.

The European consortium, which lobbied for the Saudi deal, is "studying the conformity" of the US-Saudi deal with the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the spokesman said. The agreement bans inducements such as debt rescheduling or a military or security deal in return for a trade agreement.

Airbus believes that an accord with the US to reschedule $9.2 billion of Saudi defence debt helped to win the contract.

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PERSONAL INVESTMENT AUTHORITY: **Joe Palmer and Colette Bowe**

Giving watchdogs back their good name

partners in power

Investors' new protectors have to overcome a legacy of failure to prevent spectacular instances of fraud, reports **Sara McConnell**

Being handed a bill for £50,000 is not a good start for any organisation, not least the Personal Investment Authority (PIA), which has been struggling to get off the ground for the past two and a half years. But to Colette Bowe, the PIA's chief executive, and Joe Palmer, the chairman, £50,000 is a small price to pay for being recognised by the Securities and Investments Board as the single regulator for all investments sold to members of the public. On the contrary, giving the cheque to the board's representative was a triumphant moment, to be captured on camera and framed on the wall of Miss Bowe's office.

The board is expected to announce on Monday that it is "minded to recognise" the PIA, which will mean Miss Bowe's ambition to have a whole gallery of photographs on her wall recording similar moments comes a step nearer to being fulfilled. It will also mark the start of what should be a new, streamlined system of investor protection, with one regulator to replace the present four, one compensation scheme and one ombudsman (in this case a woman, Baroness Turner of Camden) to handle complaints about life assurance, personal pensions, unit trusts and investment trusts.

If investors really are better protected as a result of the PIA, it will be no thanks to the industry vested interests that tried to strangle it at birth. But some credit for finally getting the PIA up and running must be given to Joe Palmer and Colette Bowe, both appointed recently to put a stop to the internecine struggles within the PIA's ranks and to get it recognised. Both radiate determination, while at the same time carefully disguising irritation with industry politicking which, many believe, has made the PIA a laughing stock. The knowledge that many shrug them off as SIB "plants" does not deter them.

Both did indeed have close contact with the SIB before working at the PIA, Mr Palmer as a member of the SIB board and Miss Bowe as an SIB employee for the past five years, most recently as group director, retail markets. The two had also, inevitably, come into contact with each other, though they were not well acquainted. In addition, the SIB, which has the job of recognising its junior regulators, has made no secret of its keenness to see the PIA shaken up. If the SIB had put in its own appointees, it would not be the first time a City organisation had done this. So was it a fix?

"No, it wasn't", Mr Palmer says. "Everyone thinks it was, but it wasn't," Miss Bowe confirms. They are ready for the question. They read the papers just like anyone else.

Joe Palmer winces at the idea that he is the "hard man", brought in to replace Sir Gordon Downey, who was widely believed to have lost control. Admittedly, he does not look or sound like a hit man, but more like a careful type who has spent his life in insurance. Which he has, having retired two years ago as chief executive of Legal & General. "I see myself as a professional manager," he says. "I saw a lot of the issues facing the PIA when I took over at rather short notice at the end of September as being essentially managerial." He adds: "We set ourselves demanding targets to complete the work that had been started by Sir Gordon Downey."

But he is not too professionally managerial to admit that the call to replace Sir Gordon came as an initially unwelcome interruption of his retirement plans. He said: "It was a surprise when I was approached. I said, I need to think about it and discuss it at home. I had retired from full-time work and I'd got a portfolio of non-executive appointments. Although this is also a part-time job, it was clear that initially it would require a great deal of commitment."

> If investors are better protected, it will be despite the vested interests that tried to strangle the PIA at birth

He was not wrong. He, and later Miss Bowe, had the job of welding the reluctant members of two (and a half) existing self-regulatory organisations into one. They had to produce a successor to a host of regulators discredited by letting Robert Maxwell and various smaller but no less unscrupulous "advisers" slip through loopholes in the system undetected. He had to persuade banks, building societies and life companies that they would not have to meet huge bills to compensate the victims of small firms of advisers which were more likely to collapse than refund investors' money. He had to persuade small firms that they would still have a say in how they were regulated. He had to persuade the SIB that the PIA was credible and bringing about the desired "step change", and consumer groups that their interests were being taken into account. He had to persuade the Government that the industry could still regulate itself. Far from being part-time, this was a job there were not enough hours in the day for.

By the beginning of this year, just when he might reasonably have thought he had quelled the protesters, there was another explosion of resentment. Standard Life, the largest mutual insurer, said it was withdrawing support from the PIA because too many seats on the PIA's reconstituted and shrunken board had been allocated to consumer and public interests. This meant the PIA could no longer be called self-regulatory. Anything less likely to endear an already disliked industry to the public could not be imagined. But if Mr Palmer's heart sank at yet another bout of infighting, he does not admit it.

"I don't see it as a setback," he says, "but it is obviously something I regret." He diplomatically describes the decision of Jim Stretton, Standard Life's managing director, to resign from the PIA board as "principled" and suggests that neither Standard Life nor Scottish Amicable, its fellow dissident, will resign from the PIA, at least until they have read the prospectus. But isn't support for a fellow insurer pretty predictable, even for a chairman who counts as a public interest member on the board and has resigned directorships of the SIB, the Halifax Building Society and Sedgwicks? Mr Palmer stays calm at what must be a familiar criticism from consumer groups, but says firmly: "I think it's a bit insulting to imply that someone who's done the sort of job I have can't be impartial in a new role".

At least when the latest row broke in January, Colette Bowe had arrived as chief executive to share the continuing flak. She is well capable of taking anything the industry, the Government and consumer groups can throw at her, even if she has been on the receiving end of some snide personal comments. For Miss Bowe is no stranger to publicity, even if her most famous moment in the limelight was not of her own making. "I never talk about Westland. It was eight year ago," she says, when questioned. But almost immediately she adds: "It's a strange feeling, when you're a civil servant and you've marked X in the box for no publicity to come out of your house in the morning and find a camera crew." But she is realistic. "You must never get moralistic about the press. They have a job to do."

When she moved from her unexpectedly high-profile job as head of the Trade Department press office to the SIB, she still managed to be well known to the press, unlike many at that anonymous organisation. She is a forceful woman and arouses strong and contrasting emotions in the financial services industry. Some dislike her, others admire her. But she is not conscious of it. "I think of myself as just getting on with my job. It's hard to see yourself as others see you".

Suggestions that she had been planted by the SIB in the PIA chief executive's job came easily from her detractors. But Mr Palmer did things properly. Miss Bowe had to apply for the job through a headhunter as others did. Part of her reason for wanting it was that Joe Palmer had become chairman. "I have great admiration for Joe. He is very cool, very resolute, very tough." The admiration was, and is, mutual. Mr Palmer says Miss Bowe is "energetic and committed, a good delegator and leader".

Miss Bowe ("grammar school and redbrick" followed by a career in public service and regulation) and Mr Palmer (public school, Trinity College, Cambridge, and a lifetime in the City) have very different backrounds. But they see this as a tremendous advantage, not a handicap. They keep referring to it, separately, even admiringly, throughout the interview. They realise, almost with surprise, that they would enjoy a drink or a meal with each other even if they were not work colleagues.

But there is no divergence in their management styles and no doubt about their respective roles. Miss Bowe has her hand firmly on the reins but likes to leave people to their separate tasks after "touching base" every day. She is not a meddler in other people's work. Neither is Mr Palmer, who wants to see his role diminish to a proper part-time level after recognition, so that he can retire properly. Two respectably tidy desks back up the claims of their owners to hate paper and bureaucracy. Rare regulators indeed.

Both Joe Palmer and Colette Bowe dislike bureacracy. They see their contrasting backgrounds as an advantage

TEMPUS

Demerger option would wipe Power slate clean

DEMERGER is always a radical solution to a company's problems, but one can have sympathy with National Power's preference for such a route when faced with its regulatory squeeze.

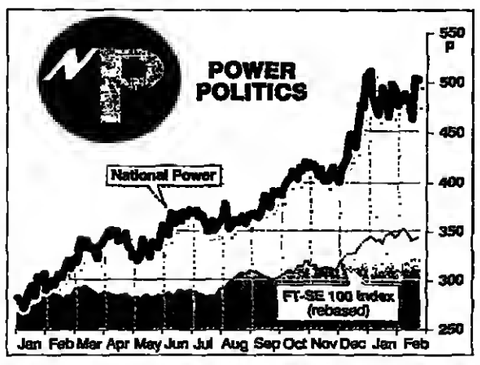
Even assuming there are willing buyers for a package of oil- and coal-fired power stations, a sale is fraught with difficulty. If NP sells its oldest, least-efficient plant, the buyer will probably run it at full tilt to ensure a rapid payback. Since the electricity market is finite, that could force National Power to mothball the more efficient stations it retains.

There is also a real chance that National Power would simply be unable to sell the stations by 1996. Any fossil-fuel generating plant comes with an indeterminate environmental liability that a buyer could refuse to accept. If the plant is unsold, National Power could be exposed to another round of prolonged regulatory examination.

A demerger or hive-down looks a cleaner method for National Power to achieve its regulatory commitments. The establishment of a third power company bidding into the pool will give the appearance of greater competition.

Besides, National Power does not need the cash from a sale. The group's gearing is low and its existing cash flow is adequate to meet its target of £1 billion investment overseas by the end of the decade.

Demergers also create value for shareholders. At prevailing market values, the new company could be worth £1 billion, but National Power's worth could rise by £500 million from the beneficial effect of achieving its regulatory undertakings. An early decision from the group in favour of demerger would make the government's sale of its remaining 40 per cent proceed a great deal more smoothly.



Gestetner

WITH 45 per cent of its shares owned by Inchcape and the Japanese photocopier group Ricoh, a rights issue would not have been an easy optioo for Gestetner. In the event, it has found a friendly group of institutions prepared to take a long view. Losses of £33 million last year left Gestetner with a bruised balance sheet and gearing had climbed to an unacceptable 66 per cent. In addition, the company will need cash to finance business ventures, including its new generation of fax machines, and its plans to expand by acquisition.

Investors in the placing are taking a lot on faith. Losses last time were caused by restructuring provisions for £43 million, a strong signal that the management was finally attacking costs. Reducing overheads is essential if Gestetner is to begin to generate a decent margin on its near £1 billion in sales, which last year produced a trading profit of only £28 million.

Inchcape, which has two directors on Gestetner's board, is keeping mum on its intentions regarding an option to increase its stake to 25 per cent in July. The company initially bought its shares at 129p. Pundits who believe a full bid is inevitable should note that Inchcape has declined to pick up stock at 180p in the placing.

Allied-Lyons

ALLIED-Lyons' decision to sell its coffee business emphasises the distance between a worldwide drinks and retail conglomerate and its folksy roots in Joe Lyons' corner houses. Brewing, namely the unhappy Carlsberg-Tetley merger, and the food business that includes Tetley teabags, are now described as a "supporting business", corporate-speak for one that is being gently moved closer to the door.

The drinks industry's retail side, as confirmed by Greenalls Group yesterday, had a good if belated Christmas, and Allied's spirit operations also did good trade over the holiday period. These two account for more than four-fifths of earnings. With the financial year ending this month, the merged brewing operation's second-half performance is unlikely to have been quite as ghastly as the first six months in terms of lost market share, but nobody in brewing is seeing acceptable margins.

Allied's shares followed the sector up once the interim figures were out of the way and have since followed it back again, to the stage where they can now claim the support of selling on a yield of 4.8 for next financial year.

Bonds

THE stories about huge losses in the international bond market will not go away, and they are unsettling the market. The name of the firm changes depending on whom you listen to, but everyone insists a large securities firm has lost heavily and is liquidating its positions.

In consequence, the futures markets have grown increasingly volatile. At stages this week spreads widened to more than two points, four times wider than usual. Volumes are high but curiously the cash market is quiet. Gilts only managed to hold their own despite a string of economic data that pointed to rate cuts.

Whatever the truth behind these reports, they are probably just a symptom of the end of the great bull market in bonds and the rise in the Federal Funds rate that caused it. The inflation and interest rate outlook in Britain makes gilts look good value now they are off their new year peak. But it is hard to feel bullish when the US Treasury market is so jittery.

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Shares beat a retreat amid worries over bond weakness

STOCK MARKET

SHARE prices and government bonds beat a hasty retreat, worried by the weakness of European bond markets.

The FT-SE 100 index drifted throughout the day and closed near the bottom, not helped by a shaky start to trading on Wall Street, which was overshadowed by a gloomy report from the Philadelphia Fed on US inflation. The index ended 42.7 points down at 3,382.6, easily wiping out the gains of the past few days.

Even so, the retreat in the cash market was an orderly affair compared with events in the futures pit, where the March series of the index dropped about 60 points after touching a high for the day of 3,414. Worries about the economy were renewed by the latest money supply figures and the pound's weakness against the mark in spite of this week's cut in German interest rates.

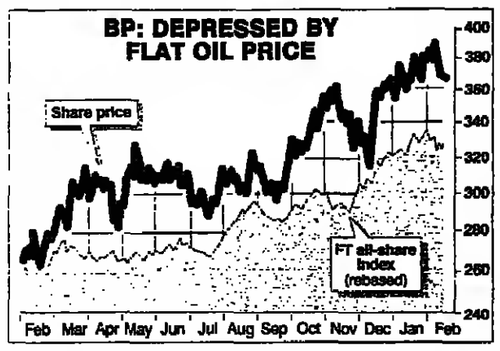
But most of the damage to share prices was inflicted by the bond market, where prices at the longer end stretched to £1.

Trading conditions were also depressed by a general lassitude and genuine absence of investment ideas after Thursday's Society of Investment Analysts' Dinner.

But selling pressure generally was easily contained and this was reflected in the turnover level, one of the lowest this year, which saw 630 million shares change hands. The final figure was boosted by a £130 million programme trade carried out by UBS involving 54 blue-chip companies.

HTV Group, the regional television broadcaster, continued to benefit from this week's decision by **Flextech** to spend £27 million acquiring a 20 per cent stake in the company. Flextech finished 13p better at 457p after going ex-rights.

The deal revived speculative interest elsewhere in the sector, with **LWT Holdings**, currently the subject of an unwanted bid from **Granada**, climbing 9p to 745p. **Scottish Television** 24p to 574p, **Ulster Television** 44p to 760p, **Yorkshire** 5p to 351p, and **Grampian A** 21p to 300p. **Anglia** firmed 4p to 655p as a £292 million bid from MAI was given the go-ahead by the Government. MAI finished 1p better at 296p.



The oil companies remained under a cloud, with investors becoming increasingly concerned about the depressed price of crude on world markets. The price of Brent crude for March delivery was trading at about $13 a barrel yesterday.

Losses were recorded in **BP**, down 5p at 361p, and **Shell** 5p at 729p, while **Enterprise** marked time at 428p. Brokers claim the group needs to cut the dividend, but they are worried about the impact of such a move on the share price, which has been supported by a strong yield.

David Lloyd Leisure hardened 5p to 240p in response to some encouraging news for shareholders at the annual meeting from David Lloyd, the chairman.

But **Greenalls**, the pub retailer, fell 5p to 455p. Andrew Thomas, chairman, told the annual meeting that Christmas trading had been better than expected, but that the overall picture was mixed.

Atkins, the underwear and leisurewear manufacturer, fell 18p to 139p after warning that pre-tax profits for the current year would be materially below previous expectations and the level achieved last year.

☐ **GILT-EDGED**: Gilts suffered hefty falls in late trading on worries over the dramatic falls recorded on European bond markets. Overseas investors headed for the sidelines, which could bode badly for next week's £2.5 billion auction.

The March series of the Long Gilt touched a high for the day of £116 5/32 before closing £ 27/32 lower at £115 19/32. But it came under further selling pressure after the official close, dipping to £115 9/16 with 75,000 contracts traded.

In longs, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 dropped £1 1/8 to £121¾, while in shorts, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was £ 3/16 down at £114 3/16.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Blue chips sank to new session lows in early trading as buying interest faded because of the weak bond prices. At midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 20.55 points at 3,902.09. Declining issues took a five-to-four lead over advancing shares.

MICHAEL CLARK

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $	1.4777 (+0.0025)
German mark	2.5405 (-0.0153)
Exchange index	80.4 (-0.2)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100	3382.6 (-42.7)
Dow Jones	3902.09 (-20.55)*
Nikkei Avg	18959.60 (+28.21)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base	5¼%
3-month Interbank	5 3/32-5 1/16%
US Federal Funds	3 11/16%*
3-month Treas Bills	3.29-3.28%*
Long Bond	6.62%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£ $	1.4795*	£:$	1.4795
$ DM	1.7175*	£ DM	2.5426
$ SWfr	1.4505*	£:SWfr	2.1460
$:Fr	5.8398*	£:Fr	8.6370
$ Yen	104.15*	£ Yen	154.06
$:SDR	1.0576	£ ECU	1.3130

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($)	
AM 382.05	PM 379.95
Close	377.90-378.40
New York:	
Comex	380.55-381.05*

OIL

Brent Crude ...$13.25 per bbl (Apr)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI. 141.3 Jan (2.5%) Jan 1987=100

* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.21	2.01
Austria Sch	18.83	17.33
Belgium Fr	55.44	51.04
Canada $	2.092	1.932
Cyprus CypE	0.794	0.744
Denmark Kr	10.52	9.72
Finland Mkk	8.84	8.04
France Fr	9.08	8.38
Germany Dm	2.69	2.48
Greece Dr	390.00	365.00
Hong Kong $	12.11	11.11
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2571.00	2416.00
Japan Yen	170.00	153.00
Malta	0.617	0.562
Netherlands Gld	2.998	2.768
Norway Kr	11.57	10.77
Portugal Esc	267.50	243.00
S Africa Rd	5.75	4.85
Spain Pta	215.00	201.00
Sweden Kr	12.33	11.53
Switzerland Fr	2.28	2.10
Turkey Lira	27213.0	25713.0
USA $	1.580	1.450

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Allied-Lyons sells out of coffee

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

ALLIED-Lyons, one of Britain's leading food and drinks groups, has pulled out of the coffee business, selling the ground goods side to a Finnish company and the instant side to Philip Morris.

The sale by Lyons Tetley, an operating company of J Lyons, the food manufacturing arm of Allied-Lyons, is estimated to have raised between £10 million and £20 million. The company declined to disclose how much the sale of its well known coffee brands had raised, but said the deal, which is subject to approval by the Office of Fair Trading, was "not material" in relation to Allied-Lyons net assets of £2.7 billion.

City analysts saw Allied-Lyons' withdrawal from coffee as part of its declared strategy of focusing on the most profitable activities and increasing its concentration on spirits and retailing, which account for four-fifths of its profit.

The company remains the world leader in tea, with well-known brands such as the Tetley teabag. But tea might also be on its list of operations looking for the right buyer.

The ground coffee business has been sold to the British arm of the family-owned Paulig group, Finland's largest food company, which has built up a small market share in Britain since the late Eighties. With Lyons' leading market share of 17.2 per cent, Paulig will control more than 21 per cent of the UK ground coffee market.

The instant coffee business, where Lyons has only an 11 per cent market share, putting it in third place, has been sold to Kraft Jacobs Suchard, part of the Philip Morris empire. This gives Kraft the Kenco, Maxwell House and Cafe Hag brands. Nestlé, the Swiss food group, is the market leader in instant coffee in Britain.

Joseph Lyons founded the Lyons coffee business in 1894 and started opening the Lyons corner houses in the first decade of this century. It took over Tetley, the tea company, in 1972, forming Lyons Tetley, which was in turn taken over in 1974 by Allied Breweries to form Allied-Lyons.

The OFT has to scrutinise the deal, as it will give Nestlé and Philip Morris, which have had Lyons' coffee business in a marketing squeeze, a powerful position in Britain.

The disposal, which is expected to be completed by the end of next month, follows Allied-Lyons' sale of Lyons-Maid ice cream and the establishment of a brewing joint venture with Carlsberg, the Danish lager group last year.

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Bishop: would oppose any attempt by SAS to gain control of British Midland

British Midland ready to fight

BY OUR WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

SIR Michael Bishop, chairman of British Midland Airways, would fight any attempt by Scandinavian Airlines System (SAS) to take control of the UK airline. This emerged after comments by Jan Stenberg, president-elect of SAS, suggesting that the Nordic carrier, whose ambitious plans for an alliance with the Dutch, Austrian and Swiss national carriers failed last year, is still eyeing British Midland with a view to eventual takeover.

A British Midland spokesman said SAS will, as agreed in 1988, extend its holding of almost 35 per cent in Airlines of Britain Holdings, the British Midland parent, to 40 per cent next July. However, he said there was no intention to relinquish control on the part of Sir Michael, who has said that he intends to stay in control of his airline until well into next century. John Woolfe, deputy chairman, and Stuart Balmforth, a non-executive director, who between them control British Midland.

Mr Stenberg said SAS planned fresh alliances and had been invited to talk with Swissair and Austrian Airlines.

WALL STREET

	Feb 18 midday	Feb 17 close
AMF Inc	63¾	62¾
AMR Corp	64¾	65¾
Abbott Labs	28¾	28¾
Aetna Life	63¾	63¾
Allstateson (HF)	17¾	18
Air Prod & Chem	48¾	48¾
Albertson's	28¾	27¾
Alcan Aluminum	23	23
Alco Standard	56¾	56¾
Allied Signal	79¾	80
Alum Co of Am	78¾	78¾
Amax Gold Inc	6¼	6¼
Amerada Hess	47¾	47¾
Amer Brands	34¼	34¼
Amer Cyanamid	44¼	45¾
Amer El Power	33	33¼
Amer Express	30	29¾
Amer Genl Corp	26¾	27
Amer Home Pr	60¾	60¾
Amer Intl	99¼	99¾
Amer Stores	45¾	45¾
Amer T & T	53¾	54¼
Ameritech	41	41
Amoco	53¾	53
Anheuser-Busch	48¾	48¾
Apple Computer	36¾	37
Archer Daniels	26¼	26¾
Arkla	8	8¼
Armco	3¼	3¼
Armstrong Wrld	54	53¾
Asarco	25¾	26
Ashland Oil	41	41¼
Atl Richfield	102	102¾
Atlantic Rich Pro	51¼	51¾
Avery Dennison	29¾	29¾
Avon Products	56¼	56
Baker Hughes	19¼	19¾
Baltim Gas & El	23	23
Banc One	32¾	32¾
BankAmerica	42¼	42¾
Bank of NY	52¾	52¾
Bankers Tr NY	80¾	80¾
Barnett Banks	41¼	41¼
Bausch & Lomb	50¼	50
Baxter Intl	22¾	23¾
Bectn Dickinsn	37¾	37¾
Bell Atlantic	52¾	53¾
BellSouth	54	54¾
Black & Decker	20¾	20¾
Block (H&R)	44¼	44¼
Boeing	47¾	47¾
Boise Cascade	27¾	26¾
Borden Inc	15¾	15¾
Bristol Myrs Sq	56	55¾
Browning Ferris	27¾	28¾
Brunswick	19¼	19¾
Burlington Nthn	63¾	63¾
CBS	318¾	318¾
CNA Financial	78¾	79
CPC Intl	48¾	48¾
CSX	89¾	89
Campbell Soup	40¾	40¾
Can Pacific	17¼	17¾
Cpd Cities ABC	679¾	679¾
Cpd Holdings	33¼	33¾
Carolina Pwr	27¾	27¾
Caterpillar	107¾	108¾
Central & SW	26¼	26¾
Champion Intl	32¾	32¾
Chase Manhat	33¾	33¾
Chemical Bk	36¾	36¾
Chevron Corp	88¾	89
Chrysler	58	58¾
Cincin Corp	76¼	76
Cigna Corp	66¾	66¾
Citicorp	40¾	40¾
Clorox	54	54
Coastal Corp	31¼	31¾
Coca Cola	41¼	41¼
Colgate-Palmolive	65¾	66¾
Columbia Gas	28¾	28¾
Commonwlth Ed	26¾	26¾
Compaq Comp	93¾	93¾
Comp Asc Int	38¾	38¾
Conagra	26¾	26¾
Cons Edison	28¾	28¾
Cons Nat Gas	43¾	44
Cons Rail	63¾	63¾
Cooper Inds	38¾	38¾
Corning Inc	30¾	30¾
Crown Cork	39¾	39¾
Dana Corp	57¾	58¾
Dayton Hudson	67¾	67¾
Deere	77¼	78
Delta Air Lines	50¾	51¼
Deluxe Corp	34	34¾
Detroit Edison	27¾	28¾
Digital Equip	29¾	29¾
Dillard Dept St	34¾	34¾
Disney (Walt)	46	46¾
Dominion Res	41¼	41¼
Donelley (RR)	31¼	31¼
Dover Corp	61¾	61¼
Dow Chemical	65¾	66¾
Dow Jones	39¾	39¾
Dresser	22¾	22¾
Duke Power	39¾	38¾
Dun & Bradstreet	62¾	62¾
Du Pont	55	54¾
Eastman Kodak	42¼	42¾

	Feb 18 midday	Feb 17 close
Eaton Corp	57¾	58¾
Emerson Elec	63¾	63¾
Engelhard Corp	28¼	27¾
Enron Corp	32¾	32¾
Ethyl Corp	19¼	19
Exxon	66¾	66¾
FMC Corp	49¾	49¾
FPL Group	33¼	34¼
Federal Express	76¾	76
Fed Nat Mtge	85	85
First Chicago	48¾	46¼
First Interstate	65¾	65¾
First Union Rlty	9¼	10
Fleet Finl Grp	33¾	33
Flour Corp	46	46¾
Ford Motor	64¾	64¾
GTE Corp	32	32¾
Gannett	55¾	55¾
Gap Inc Del	44¼	43
Gen Dynamics	63¼	63¾
Gen Electric	109¾	109¾
Gen Mills	58¼	58¾
Gen Motors	59¾	59¾
Gen Reinsurance	107¼	108¾
Gen Signal	35¾	35¾
Genuine Parts	37¾	38
Georgia Pac	74¼	73¾
Gillette	61	60¾
Glaxo ADR	19¼	20¾
Goodrich (BF)	42¾	41¼
Goodyear Tire	46¼	47¾
Grace (WR)	43¾	44
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25¾	26¾
Great Wstn Fin	17¾	17¾
Halliburton	32	31¼
Harcourt General	36¾	36¾
Heinz (HJ)	33¾	33¾
Hercules	116¼	116¼
Hershey Foods	51	50¾
Hewlett Packard	88¾	89¾
Hilton Hotels	72¼	72
Home Depot	39¾	39¾
Homestake Mng	21¼	21¾
Honeywell	32¼	32¾
Household Intl	34¼	34¼
Houston Inds	42	42¾
Humana	20¾	21¼
ITT Corp	99¾	100¼
Illinois Tool	44¼	43¾
INCO	25¾	25¾
Ingersoll Rand	38¾	39
Inland Steel	34¼	35¾
Intel Corp	65¾	66¾
IBM	52¾	52¾
Intl Flav & Fr	37¾	37¾
Intl Paper	74¼	74¼
James River Va	19¼	19¾
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	41¾	41¼
K Mart	19¼	19¾
Kellogg	50¾	51
Kerr-McGee	45¾	45¾
Kimberly-Clark	56¾	56¼
Knight-Ridder	56¾	57¾
Lilly (Eli)	54¾	56
Limited Inc	17¾	17¾
Lin Broadcstg	113¾	113¾
Lincoln Nat	40¾	40¾
Litton	68¾	68¾
Lt Ciallorne	21¼	20¾
Lockheed Corp	66¼	67¾
Louisiana Pac	43¾	43¾
MCI Commun	26¾	26¾
Marriott Intl	30¾	30¾
Marsh & McLnn	83	82¾
Masco Corp	36¾	37¾
May Dept St	42¼	41¼
Maytag Corp	17¼	17
McDnw Cellular	51¼	51¼
McDonalds	61¼	61¼
McDonnell D	120	119¾
McGraw Hill	69¾	69¾
Mead Corp	45¾	45¾
Medtronic	81¼	82¾
Mellon Bk	54¾	54¾
Melville Corp	38¼	38¾
Merck Inc	33	33¼
Merrill Lynch	41¼	42¾
Minnesota Mine	108	108
Mobil Corp	80¾	80¾
Monsanto	79¾	79¾
Morgan (JP)	68	68¾
Motorola Inc	103¾	103¾
Natl Medical	19¼	19¾
Natl Semi	20¼	19¾
Natl Service Ind	27¾	27¾
Navistar Int	25¾	25¾
NBD Bancorp	28¾	28¾
NY Times A	33¾	33¾
Newmont Mng	53¾	53¾
Nisg Mohawk	18¾	18¾
Nike B	51¾	51¾
NL Industries	8¾	8¾
Nordstrom	37	36¾
Norfolk Sthrn	70¾	69¾
Nthn State Pwr	41	41¼
Norwest Corp	24¼	24¼
Nynex Corp	37¼	37¼
Occidental Pet	18¾	18¾
Ohio Edison	20¾	20¾
Oracle Systems	53¾	54

	Feb 18 midday	Feb 17 close
Oryx Energy Co	18¾	18¾
Owens Corning	41¼	42¾
PNC Financial	28¼	28¾
PPG Industries	77¾	77¾
Pacear Inc	60¾	60
Pacificorp	17¼	17¾
Pac Enterprises	21¼	21¾
Pac Gas & Elec	30¾	30¾
Pac Telesis	54¾	54¾
Pall Corp	17¼	17¾
Panhandle East	23	22¾
Paramtn Comm	75¾	76¼
Parker Hannifin	36¾	36¾
Penney (JC)	52¾	51¼
Pennzoil	54¼	54¾
Pepsico	38¾	38¾
Pfizer	56¼	57
Phelps Dodge	55¾	56
Philadel Elec	25¾	25¾
Philip Morris	57¾	56
Phillips Pet	29¾	29¾
Pitney Bowes	44¼	44¼
Polaroid	32¾	32¾
PriceCosco	18¾	18¾
Procter & Gmbl	57¾	58¾
Pub Serv E & G	29¾	29¾
Quaker Oats	62¾	63¾
Ralston Purina	43¾	43¾
Raychem Corp	37¾	37¾
Raytheon	61¾	62
Reebok Intl	33¾	33¾
Reynolds Metals	51¼	51¾
Rhodway Svcs	69¾	69¾
Rockwell Intl	43¾	43¾
Rohm & Haas	57¾	57¾
Royal Dutch	108	108¾
Rubbermaid	31	31
Safeco Corp	58	58¾
St Paul's Cos	82¾	82¾
Salomon Inc	50¾	50
Santa Fe Pac	23¾	23¾
Sara Lee Corp	27¾	32¾
Scecorp	18¾	18¾
Schering Plough	59¾	59¾
Schlumberger	58¾	57¾
Scott Paper	45¾	44¾
Seagram	29¾	28¾
Sears Roebuck	46¼	46
Shell Trans	64¾	64¾
Sherwin Wllms	34¾	35
Skyline Corp	20¾	20¾
Snap-On-Tools	42¾	42¾
Southern Co	41¼	41¼
Sthwestern Bell	37¾	37¾
Sprint Corp	36¾	36
Stanley Works	44	43¾
Sun Company	31¼	31¼
Sun Microsys	25¾	26
Suntrust	45	44¾
Supervalu	38¾	39
Synnex Corp	14	13¾
Sysco Corp	27¾	27¾
TRW Inc	73¾	74¼
Tandem Comp	13¾	13¾
Tandy Corp	41¼	41
Telecom Corp	3¾	3¾
Teledyne	20¾	20¾
Temple Inland	51¾	52¼
Tenneco	56¾	56¾
Texaco	67	66¾
Texas Inst	76¾	76¼
Texas Utilities	37¾	37¼
Textron	59¾	59¾
Time Warner	28¾	29¾
Times-Mirror	33¾	34¼
Timken	36¾	36¾
Tarchmark	45	46¾
Toys R Us	35¾	35¾
Transamerica	50¾	51¼
Travelers	38¾	38¾
Tribune	56¾	57¼
Tyco Labs	52¾	52¾
UAL Corp	141¾	141¼
USF Inc	28¾	29¾
USX Marathon	17	17¼
Unilever NV	116¼	116¾
Union Camp	48¾	48¾
Union Carbide	25¾	25¾
Union Pacific	60¾	61¼
Unisys Corp	14¼	14¼
USAIR Group	12¾	12¾
USF&G Corp	14¾	14¾
US Life	39¾	38¾
US West	40¾	40¾
United Tech	70	70¾
Unocal Corp	29¾	29¾
Upjohn	28¾	28¾
UT Corp	49¾	49
WMX Tech	24¾	25
Wal-Mart Stores	28	27¾
Warner-Lambert	64¾	65
Wells Fargo	134¾	134¾
Westinghouse El	14¾	14¼
Weyerhauser	48¾	48¾
Whirlpool	68¾	69¾
Wm Wrigley Jr	16	16
Winn Dixie	49¾	49¾
Woolworth	23¾	24
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44¾	44¾
Xerox	98¾	100¾

RECENT ISSUES

Alpha Airports (140)	170	-2
Chiroscience (150)	151	...
Clinical Computing (150)	165	-8
Coda (235)	265	+1
Computerised Fin (90)	146	-2
Energy Capital (50)	58	...
Energy Capital Wts	28	...
K'won Euro Pt (50)	42½	-1½
K'won Euro Pt Wts	39½	-1
Pantheon Wts	83	...
Parkside Intl (110)	125	...
Stimma (120)	142	...
Taiwan Inv (100)	94	...
Taiwan Inv Wts	45	...
Thornton Pan Euro Wts	12	-1½
Thornton Zero Div Pf	51¼	-¼
Trifast (200)	215	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Beckenham Grp n/p (25)	2	...
Berisford n/p (120)	112	...
Carlisle n/p (11)	20½	+2½
Spring Ram n/p (53)	24	-3
Stanley Leisure n/p (275)	44	+2
Utility Cable n/p (10)	25	+1
Worthington n/p (511)	10	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

NSM	204p (+13p)
Paterson Zoch	625p (+41p)
Vosper Thorny	799p (+27p)
James Cropper	439p (+17p)
Estates Agency	450p (+25p)
Grampian	300p (+21p)
Ulster TV	760p (+44p)

FALLS:

Close Bros	525p (-10p)
HSBC	990p (-29p)
Hambros	416p (-14p)
Kleinwort Benson	614p (-18p)
Nat West	539p (-12p)
Guinness	521p (-11p)
Whitbread	547p (-14p)
Carlton Comm	947p (-17p)
Mersey Docks	498p (-10p)
Land Sec	740p (-12p)
Sun Alliance	378p (-10p)
General Accident	681p (-11p)
Commercial Union	636p (-12p)
Abbey	195p (-10p)
RMC Group	972p (-14p)
Redland	588p (-13p)
ICI	774p (-15p)

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	4,600	Cadbury	1,000	MEPC	1,400	Scot Power	1,900
Abbey Natl	1,800	Caradon	1,500	Marks Spr	3,600	Sears	5,200
Alld-Lyons	659	Carlton Cms	1,200	NFC	3,500	Svrn Trent	966
Anglian W	568	Coats Vyla	3,600	NatWst Bk	4,000	Shell Trans	3,200
Argyll Gp	2,200	Cm Union	812	Nat Power	4,100	Siebe	1,400
Ayto Wlggn	1,400	Courtaulds	1,300	Nth Wst W	1,000	Sm Kl Bch	6,300
AB Foods	151	Enterpr Oil	3,800	Nthrn Fds	690	Smith Nph	5,200
BAA	2,900	Forte	2,400	P & O	3,000	Sthrn Elec	1,000
BAT Inds	6,500	GRE	2,200	Pearson	1,100	Std Chartd	1,000
BOC	775	GUS	2,000	PowerGen	1,500	Sun Alliance	915
BP	5,100	Gen Acc	1,400	Prudential	2,600	TI Gp	1,300
BTR	3,000	Gen Elec	4,500	RMC	389	TSB	7,600
BT	6,200	Glaxo	5,800	RTZ	1,300	Tesco	6,700
Bk of Scot	671	Granada	5,600	Rank Org	760	Thames W	1,500
Barclays	3,400	Grand Met	2,100	Reckitt Col	1,000	Thrn EMI	836
Bass	2,100	Guinness	2,600	Redland	1,000	Tomkins	942
Blue Circle	2,500	HSBC	6,200	Reed Intl	924	Unilever	760
Boots	1,700	Hanson	5,600	Rentokil	953	Utd Biscs	431
Bowater	298	ICI	1,400	Reuters	1,000	Vodafone	1,700
Brit Aero	2,000	Inchcape	4,200	Rolls Royce	5,900	Warburg ISG	724
Brit Airways	2,900	Kingfisher	1,300	Ryl Ins	2,500	Wellcome	3,100
Brit Gas	4,800	Ladbroke	1,800	Ryl Bk Scot	2,000	Whitbread	926
Brit Steel	3,300	Land Secs	1,400	Sainsbury	2,700	Wllms Hld	2,700
Burmah Cas	289	Legal & Gn	801	Schroders	8	Wolseley	282
Cable Wire	4,400	Lloyds Bk	3,000	Scot & New	1,400	Zeneca	1,000

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):	
Dow Jones	3902.09 (-20.55)
S&P Composite	469.02 (-1.32)
Tokyo:	
Nikkei Avge	18959.60 (+28.21)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	10825.88 (+36.30)
Amsterdam:	
EOE Index	426.86 (-6.05)
Sydney: AO	2223.2 (-17.7)
Frankfurt:	
DAX	2151.97 (-23.25)
FT 30 share	2606.4 (-27.2)
Brussels:	
General	7752.99 (+42.03)
Paris: CAC-40	2251.79 (-29.40)
Zurich: SKA Gen	721.90 (-6.60)
London:	
FT A All-Share	1703.02 (-18.07)
FT Non Financials	1815.60 (-16.96)
FT Gold Mines	217.4 (-1.7)
FT Fixed Interest	128.21 (-0.12)
FT Govt Secs	103.96 (-0.48)
Bargains	28692
SEAQ Volume	630.9m
USM Turnover	169.36 (+0.36)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
February 7	February 18	May 12	May 23

Call options were taken out on 18/2/94: Acorn Computer, Atlantic Lakes, Avesco, Carlisle Group, Development Secs, Division Group, Enterprise Intl, Hunterprint, Johnson Fry, SelecTV, United Industries, YTV

Put: Tiphook. Puts & Calls: Avesco, SelecTV

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Bild Soc n	600	39	48¾	58	12	25
[illegible]	650	14	24	34¾	38	58
Abbey	240	26¼	31¼	35	6	14¼
[illegible]	260	14¼	20¼	24¼	15	25
ASDA	50	9	12	17	2	7¼
[illegible]	60	3¼	6¼	5	6¼	8¼
[illegible]	500	50¼	60¼	67	5	16¼
[illegible]	550	17¼	33	39	24	39¼
Br Airways	460	30	42	51	13¼	28
[illegible]	500	12	23¼	33¼	37	50¼
BP	360	16	28¾	34¼	15	22
[illegible]	330	6¼	15¼	22	34¼	40¼
Br Steel	140	12	17	20¼	6¼	11
[illegible]	160	3¼	8¼	12¼	18¼	23
C & W	450	34	48	—	11¼	23¼
[illegible]	475	19¼	33¼	—	22¼	34
CU	600	45	59	63	12¼	23¼
[illegible]	650	18	32	36¼	37	47¼
ICI	750	39	56	64¼	28	42
[illegible]	800	15¼	33	43	59¼	71
Kingfisher	600	45¼	59	68¼	15¼	33
[illegible]	650	19	33¼	45	41	59¼
Land Sec	700	54	62	67¼	9¼	19
[illegible]	750	19¼	30¼	39	34¼	44
M & S	420	26¼	34	40¼	8¼	18
[illegible]	460	7¼	16	22¼	31	40¼
Nat West	500	44¼	59	64¼	13	27
[illegible]	550	18	33	39¼	38	47¼
Sainsbury	360	21¼	30	36¼	13¼	27
[illegible]	390	8	16¼	24	30¼	44¼
Shell	700	35	50¼	58¼	14	22¼
[illegible]	750	9¼	26	33	45	51
Smkl Bch	240	32¼	44¼	53¼	13¼	23¼
[illegible]	420	17	30	38	29	39
Stevenson	220	23	29¼	33¼	4	9¼
[illegible]	240	10¼	17¼	23	12¼	18¼
Tmkt/Jgar	108	15	19¼	—	3¼	8¼
[illegible]	115	11	15	—	4¼	14¼
Unilever	1200	36	58¼	51	39	54
[illegible]	1250	15¼	36	56¼	72¼	85
Zeneca	750	46¼	62¼	75¼	20¼	33
[illegible]	800	16

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Women pay 50% more for health cover

Insurers say women are off sick more frequently than men. But they have difficulty providing evidence that is really convincing, says Liz Dolan

Women will be the biggest losers if recent moves to limit provision of state sickness benefit turn out to be part of a general withdrawal from the field by the Government. Any gap in state provision that is not filled by employers will have to be plugged by insurers. Women who already insure themselves against loss of income when sick have to pay about 50 per cent more than men for the same level of cover.

Few insurers see any reason why women should pay less. Some suspect they should pay more. They say the 50 per cent premium loading is applied because women take more time off work. This is apparently an inescapable fact, backed by statistics. However, when pressed, those who fix the premiums find it extraordinarily difficult to come up with solid evidence, especially any concerning specific occupations.

Government figures are the most comprehensive, but relate to all workers, rather than those — normally the self-employed — who choose to take out permanent health insurance (PHI). Insurers tend to ignore their own claims experience because they have too few female PHI clients. Norwich Union Healthcare, one of the country's largest PHI providers, said: "Claims frequency is very low. We would find it hard to draw any firm conclusions from our figures."

The Institute of Actuaries referred a request for information to Helen Gregson, of Bacon & Woodrow, the consulting actuaries, who said: "The only decent figures we've got seem to be an American study of 1976. No one appears to have carried out comparable research over here." The American study was the evidence most commonly cited by insurers interviewed for this article. It would therefore appear that British actuaries are basing PHI ratings on evidence collected 20 years ago in another continent.

According to Peter McGurk, PHI secretary of the curiously titled Continuous Mortality Investigation (CMI) Bureau, the American way of analysing PHI data is more sensible than the antiquated methods employed by British actuaries. These have not changed since the 1890s. Women did not start using PHI until 1958. The CMI Bureau, which collects and collates PHI claims experience in Britain, has started to use American methods to analyse British data, but the results will not be available for several years.

The bureau distills information supplied by up to 17 insurers and publishes them in four-year packages. "The whole thing is subject to considerable delay," Mr McGurk admitted. "The main problem is getting enough companies to provide the data in reasonable time." Latest statistics available to insurers relate to the years 1983-86.

The figures are analysed only in terms of gender and the length of absence necessary to trigger claims. Occupation has only just started to come under CMI Bureau scrutiny. Because companies use differing criteria to define occupation, Mr McGurk warns that a considerable delay is likely before reliable data is available.

> "According to our actuaries, the female body is more complicated. There is more to go wrong"

It is commonly argued that people in well-paid, interesting jobs with prospects are under less stress and take less time off than those in more mundane occupations. The former are more likely to be men; the latter, women. It is therefore perfectly possible that any difference in claims experience is at least partly due to occupation, rather than gender.

Mr McGurk agrees the omission is an unfortunate one. The most likely explanation was that it is simple to divide cases into male and female, but horrendously difficult to categorise by occupation. "I wasn't around when we started, but I would guess we just wanted to get the process under way." The Equal Opportunities Commission has for years called for a change in the law that permits insurers to discriminate between the sexes when fixing premiums. Such discrimination is already banned in many EC countries and in several states in the US. Insurance companies should use non-sexist criteria such as smoking or occupation, the commission says.

Recently, in the case of Neath v Hugh Steeper, the commission's hopes were raised when the European Court of Justice looked certain to recommend unisex methods of calculating benefits for members of final salary pension schemes. However, at the last minute, the court decided to allow current methods to continue.

"We really thought we were getting somewhere with Neath," a commissioo spokeswoman said. "But the pensions and insurance industry lobbied furiously and we lost. Now we can only lobby for a change in the law." The law in question is clause 45 of the Equal Opportunities Act, which allows companies to set different premiums for men and women, depending on the assessment of risk.

Last summer, London Life submitted to pressure from its reinsurers and from Australian Mutual Provident, its parent, and increased its unusually modest 25 per cent loading to the standard 50 per cent. The company had not suddenly been inundated by claims from sick women. The decision had nothing to do with London Life's own claims experience, David Chapman, the life marketing manager, said. Only 400 of London Life's 2,000 PHI clients are women and "we don't have a tremendous number of claims to go on". The new premium levels were, be said, based purely on "industry figures".

Graham Spittles, underwriting manager at Sun Alliance, said: "I am very sympathetic with women on this one. The main problem would appear to be the small numbers involved. . . . It could also be that part of the statistical base relates to workers in general, rather than to the sort of people who take out PHI." But Sun Alliance's actuaries recommend that women are subject to a 50 per cent loading across the board.

Alan Evans, the marketing manager at Friends Provident, said: "I know it sounds a bit glib but, according to our actuaries, the female body is more complicated. There are more things to go wrong. If we scrap sexual discrimination, we'll end up charging men a hell of a lot more."

Fewer than 15 per cent of Friends Provident's 147,486 PHI clients are female. However, sex is not the only criterion. "We are very interested in occupation as well. Manual labourers may suffer loadings of up to 200 per cent."

John Richardson, of Allied Dunbar, said the company's own figures indicated that women below 50 were sick more than twice as frequently as men. After 50, the difference almost disappeared. The company said it used "fairly sophisticated" tracking mechanisms to analyse its own PHI experience and backed this up with evidence from the CMI bureau.

This surprised the bureau, which said that, while three of the largest permanent health insurers — Sun Alliance, Friends Provident and Unum — supplied it with information, Allied Dunbar did not.

More mundane occupations for women are likely to bring extra time off work

Second bite at an old dispute

JENNIFER Pinder, the dentist whose court case sent a frisson of excitement through the normally staid and uneventful world of permanent health insurance ten years ago, is contemplating a renewed attack.

Backed by the Equal Opportunides Commission, she sued Friends Provident for charging her 50 per cent more for PHI insurance because of her sex.

The case, which came to court in 1985, collapsed almost immediately when her only witness, an actuary, surprised everyone, including the judge, by providing evidence in favour of sexual discrimination, rather than against it. The judge dismissed him as an "unimpressive witness" and decided in Friends Provident's favour.

Ms Pinder says: "I was furious, and so were the EOC." She is now considering "revisiting the case", possibly to coincide with the tenth anniversary of Women in Dentistry, founded in the run-up to the trial.

Ms Pinder has no personal axe to grind as her PHI is provided by the Dentists' Provident Society, one of the very few insurers not to discriminate between men and women.

Richard Harman, chief executive, says that equal treatment does not appear to have damaged profits.

The Dentists and General Mutual Benefits Society is another rare example of an insurance company with non-discriminatory PHI premiums. Unlike the DPS, it also insures members of other professional bodies, such as lawyers and doctors.

Weekend Money is edited by Rose Wild

Cheques still slow to clear

COMMENT

ROSE WILD
Personal Finance Editor

The banks are suddenly queuing up to tell us they are to cut down on the time it takes them to clear cheques. Barclays led the way by advertising that it would pay interest to customers on the third day after their cheques were paid in. This week the Midland and National Westminster have caught up, both claiming what they call a two day clearing cycle. Two days in banking terms means Monday to Wednesday, which puts them on a par with Barclays, but perhaps we should not quibble. This may be as good as it gets.

Bank customers are regularly infuriated by delays in cheque clearing, and upset by the confusing way the waiting period is defined. In spite of promises and fancy computers, six working days still seems to be the general experience, during the course of which the banks are investing the money to earn themselves interest on the overnight money markets.

In fairness, the banks have been lobbying for a government move to speed things up. They are still bound by the 1882 Bills of Exchange Act, which states that cheques have to be physically presented for payment at the branch on which they are drawn before the funds can be released. In a 1990 White Paper, the Government promised to introduce the necessary legislation to "truncate" the process. There are signs that the proposed legislation may be mentioned in the Queen's Speech this November.

Even so, it will be at least a year before any benefits filter through and even if there are any, it is not known what they will be. It is possible that a change in the law will make no difference to clearing times at all. Whatever happens, the banks will still have to make their money somewhere. With ten million cheques currently working their way round the system every working day, the sums they are earning in interest on the money markets must be enormous.

But the writing is on the wall. Debit card transactions are subject to none of the delays that affect cheques, and are forecast to overtake cheque transactions by the end of next year.

Therefore, we can be confident that margins will be squeezed elsewhere. Banks will be making sure that customers play by their rules. Any deviation will give them the excuse to call in overdraft debts, and start to impose draconian charges. Beware that friendly letter inviting you to take out what may be a rather expensive loan.

Taxing times

IF you get a dusty answer when you telephone your tax office for help with your revised tax codes, don't take it personally. According to the latest issue of the Inland Revenue's Staff Federation magazine, tax offices have been swamped with calls, at least double the number they would expect for the time of year, from furious taxpayers who have just started to register the effects of last November's Budget. They are gloomily anticipating another deluge of calls in April, when the changes hit salary slips and pay packets.

Coding notices have been sent out with a leaflet containing what the tax men obviously believe to be clear explanations. The volume of calls they are getting does not seem to bear this out.

The Inland Revenue Staff Federation says that taxpayers simply prefer human contact when wading through these murky matters, and they will be calling for more staff to cope with the so-called Simplified Assessing which is to be introduced in two years' time. They may well have a case, but underlying all this the question remains of why the whole tax system has to be so obscure.

The original intention behind the proliferation of codes was to be as fair as possible to everyone. But with the tax offices clearly unable to get it right themselves, how is the taxpayer to manage? By paying accountants, presumably, or simply waiting for the system to right itself and a possible refund to arrive.

In the meantime, the taxpayer will, of course, be paying interest on unpaid tax after 30 days, while the Revenue has to pay interest on its mistakes only in the year after they occur.

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Margaret Dibben says now is the time to take profits in UK investment trusts

The recent shakeout in Far East markets has resulted in premiums falling

Switching hour here for trusts

Investment trust investors looking for high income have a rare opportunity at the moment m lock into the good returns they have earned from United Kingdom funds and move into international trusts without losing any income.

Nigel Sidebottom, associate director of Gerrard Vivian Gray, the broker, says: "We have this opportunity at the moment to make a strategic switch into overseas markets without loss of income. If the investor believes in the benefits of having an international portfolio, which I certainly do, this is the moment to do it."

Many of the United Kingdom investment trusts which concentrate on producing good income currently stand at a premium, which means the shares are worth more than the value of the portfolio. This happens when an investment trust is popular but, just because they are at a premium now, it does not mean they will stay there. The share price could easily fall. In most cases international investment trusts sell at a discount. The exception until now has been some of the specialist Japanese trusts. However, the recent shake-out in Far East stock markets in general has resulted in premiums falling and in some cases discounts re-emerging there. Mr Sidebottom argues that shareholders could benefit by locking into the gains they have already made in the UK by switching into international trusts which they can buy at a better-value price. Mr Sidebottom says: "It used to be that high yield meant holding United Kingdom shares. You can still get the very highest yield from the UK market through a mixture of equities and fixed interest but now you can go overseas without losing too much."

> ‘The UK is not the world's fastest growing economy’

The yield is the value of the dividends quoted as a percentage of the current share price. When share prices are high, yields are worth less. Yields in the UK have come down so far that, for example, the yield on Murray Income investment trust has dropped below that on Murray International.

Murray International, on a small discount, yields 3.8 per cent, while Murray Income, on a small premium, yields 3.5 per cent. Many international funds in any case have a big weighting in UK shares. Murray International has 43 per cent in the UK and large chunks in the rest of the world; Murray Income has 72 per cent in the UK and a smattering of interests overseas.

Scottish American, a good general international trust according to Mr Sidebottom, has a yield very much in line with the yield on the UK stock market generally which is currently about 3.25 per cent.

Securities Trust of Scotland is an international trust with a deliberately high income policy yielding 3.9 per cent. As well as cashing in on recent gains, Mr Sidebottom sees other arguments for expanding from the UK: "I believe in the long run that more good comes from an internationally diversified portfolio. The United Kingdom is not the fastest growing economy in the world nor has it the strongest currency. It is right to have some money in the United Kingdom but not to restrict yourself to it."

Unit trust holders will not see the same exceptional profits from switching because unit trusts do not trade on premiums and discounts. But investors can move to international funds with good yields. But John Kelly of Barclays Unicorn says: "You have to be a little careful with the international spread of things because the UK is such a high yielding market that if you go overseas either you are buying bonds or you are taking on extra risk." For people relying on their investment income, dividends will remain under pressure. Mr Kelly believes income could be lower this year than last and says: "Some managers will think it is incumbent on them to maintain payments at last year's level but they will need to pay a price in some other way, such as churning over the fund, to make those numbers up."

When Fund Research, the unit trust analyst, last compared performance, 56 per cent of the unit trusts in the United Kingdom equity income sector failed to meet the sector requirement which is to produce at least 110 per cent of the FTA All-Share Index.

But again there are signs of optimism. Peter Fuller of Fund Research says: "Companies in high yielding sectors have gone through the recession and if they are still around now they have a reasonable chance of success."

A rather crowded market

With the flood of investment trust launches showing no signs of abating, the sector is on course to break fund-raising records by the spring. The giant Mercury and Kleinwort European Privatisation trusts have already raised almost £1 billion.

This week a further four prospectuses were unveiled by Legal & General's Mithras trust, which is in fact a listing of a mezzanine capital trust; Rutherford's Herald trust, which will specialise in communications companies; Gartmore's British Income and Growth trust, and the Israel fund.

Next week Fidelity will officially launch its Japanese investment trust and Foreign & Colonial will follow with its Income Growth trust.

But Hamish Buchan, a director and investment trust analyst at NatWest Securities, advises investors not to become carried away with the market's enthusiasm for new launches.

"There are already 280 existing investment trusts trading out there. Do not necessarily be seduced by the marketing hype," he warns. "At least with an existing trust you have a performance track record on which to base a decision. Those who are tempted to invest in a specialist trust investing in a single market should not blame the manager if the market then falls. The manager's job is to outperform the relevant market index or sector benchmark."

Future investment performance, adds Mr Buchan, is much more likely to depend on the individual manager's ability to pick the right assets for the portfolio. "How well the assets perform is going to become more and more important. Over the past ten years or so narrowing discounts have pulled up share price portfolio performance. That is no longer the case."

Next week NatWest Securities will be handing out praise and brickbats in equal measure when Mr Buchan's team publishes its Investment Trust Review of 1993 and views for 1994.

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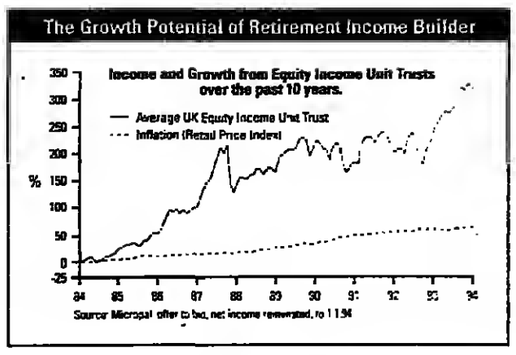

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Norman Corbyn is in dispute with his former broker over the decision to invest part of his life savings in Aegis

Damage limitation

'Moderate' is a very imprecise definition of risk, as one investor found. **Robert Miller** reports

Every investor has a different view of risk. But as record sums continue to pour into stock market investments, whether through unit and investment trusts or directly into shares, there is increasing concern that risk parameters have become distorted. Many investors could be wrong-footed and not realise until the damage has been done.

Take the case of Times reader Norman Corbyn. He is in dispute with his former stockbroker who managed his £100,000 portfolio over the level of risk taken with his money. He says: "I am a self-employed gardener approaching retirement. This money has taken me a working life to build up. I made this plain to my stockbroker and said that although I wanted to be directly invested in equities rather than unit trusts I did not want to take any undue risk."

Last July, Mr Corbyn's stockbroker bought 3,000 shares at 115p each in Aegis, the marketing and public relations group. The shares are now trading at about 26p.

Mr Corbyn comments: "A trade in Aegis was not only bad advice, but more important, was inappropriate in terms of the risk profile I had clearly outlined. In my view the regulators and the rules they administer are far too imprecise in relation to the degree of risk investors may be taking."

Mr Corbyn initially took his case to the Securities and Futures Association, the regulator responsible for stockbrokers. But the SFA Complaints Bureau said it could not support his claim for compensation because Aegis only fell into the category of moderate risk.

Mr Corbyn disputes the definition of "moderate". He quotes a recent report in the *Financial Times*, which said: "The history of Aegis is that sadly familiar tale of a one-time media glamour stock which made some people associated with it seriously wealthy without doing much to enrich outside shareholders."

"This does not," Mr Corbyn says, "smack of a share suitable for an investor seeking a balanced return from income and capital at a moderate level of risk." He is now considering whether to take his case to arbitration.

Pamela Marshall, a spokeswoman for the Securities and Investments Board, the chief City regulator, says: "Risk warnings should be much clearer under the proposed new rules which should be in place by next January."

Justin Urquhart Stewart, a director of Barclays' Stockbrokers, also believes that, in future, risk warnings will have to be much more precise. He says: "Investment advisers will have to make the degrees of risk being taken with a portfolio absolutely clear. That may cut down on the number of investment options available but at least advisers and investors will be talking the same language."

But even under the prevailing regulatory regime Mr Urquhart Stewart points out that "proper financial advice means ensuring that an investor has a three-dimensional picture of their investment strategy. They should first have adequate life cover, make sure that the mortgage or house is covered and proper pension provision made. Then, and only then, is it right to consider a stock market portfolio."

Philip Warland, director-general of the Association of Unit Trusts and Investment Funds, says the problem lies in defining risk in a satisfactory way that all investors can clearly understand. Nevertheless, he says: "Autif and the SIB have begun discussions on suitable future warnings. I favour different one-liners for specific trusts. For example, for single emerging market trusts you could have "this is a very volatile market. You should not put your money into it if you are likely to want it back quickly".

As Mr Warland points out: "Risk means more than just shares going up and down. For example, in some of the emerging markets it can take fund managers up to three weeks to get their money out after selling the shares."

For certain types of bond funds Mr Warland suggests: "Because of the income strategy of this fund there is a chance of capital loss." But if such warnings are prominently displayed, he says, "investors must read them and take note".

But Alan Maidment, managing director of Martin Currie unit trusts, argues that a broadly spread portfolio covering emerging markets might be considered low risk. He says: "Before we launched our new Asian Opportunities unit trust this week we conducted some detailed research.

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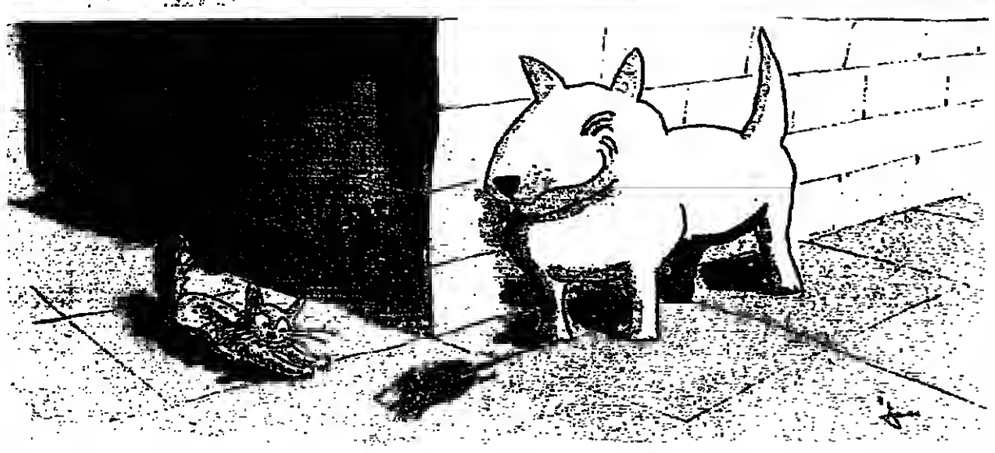

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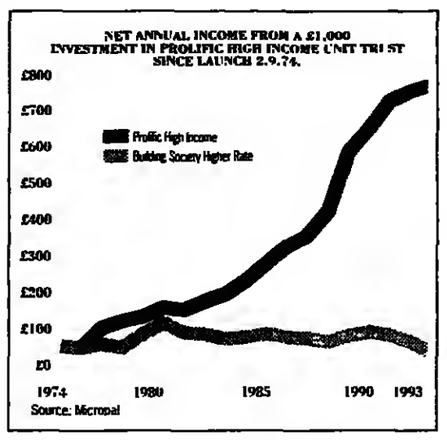

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Makers offer new routes to car ownership

Jill Insley surveys ways to fund getting behind the wheel

A host of deals to finance buying a car have emerged during the recession — though none so unorthodox as the case reported this week in which a Cardiff man part-exchanged his pet parrot for a Metro.

Most car dealers offer hire purchase agreements, allowing a buyer to use the car while paying in monthly instalments. The car remains the property of the vendor until the last instalment is paid, and the buyer cannot sell the car until the hire purchase agreement is cleared.

However, a growing number of car manufacturers, including Ford, Vauxhall, Rover and Peugeot, offer a new arrangement, "personal contract purchase" (PCP) deals. The buyer must pay interest on the full price of the car, but only has to make capital payments covering depreciaoon.

The manufacturer determines a "guaranteed future value" — a conservative estimate of the car's value at the end of the PCP contract — and deducts this from the new vehicle's price. Repayments are based on the resulóng figure. Interest rates depend on maker and model, but, typically, are about 12.5 per cent APR.

Each manufacturer's PCP deals offer slightly different options for length of contract and mileage. Ford favours two-year "Opoons" contracts, Rover offers two- and three-year "Select" deals, and Vauxhall offers one-, two- or three-year "Choices 123". The higher the mileage, the higher the depreciation, and buyers exceeding their agreed mileage must pay extra.

At the end of the contract, the buyer can choose to pay the guaranteed future value, and so own the car outright, or can return the car to his dealer without further premiums (subject to mileage and maintenance). Alternatively, he can sell the car and keep the difference between sale price and the guaranteed future value.

Because the manufacturer sets the guaranteed future value conservatively low, it is likely to be more profitable to buy the car outright or sell it. Ford and Vauxhall let the buyer sell it back to the dealer or privately. However, the value of high-performance cars has suffered recently because of a sharp rise in insurance premiums, and their owners may benefit from returning their vehicles to the dealer after the agreed period.

Simon Humpage, of Ford Credit, says that customers are söll free to negoóate the car's price. Discounts depend on individual dealers, not on the finance agreement with the manufacturer. He says that PCPs particularly suit people who like to drive new cars and trade them in after just a few years. "It's helped a lot of people into a new car or into a better car than they could otherwise afford," he said.

Although bank loans may seem expensive in comparison, they do allow a buyer the flexibility of purchasing with cash and offer a greater range of repayment periods, usually ranging from six months to five years. They also extend the choice to all dealers, not just those offering PCP deals, and to secondhand cars.

Figures produced by the Co-operative Bank show relatively little difference in the total amount charged by hire purchase, bank loans or PCPs. To buy a £7,980 car would cost £9,293.16 with a PCP, £9,204 with a loan and £8,749.40 through hire purchase.

The monthly premiums of £317 for a bank loan and £296.60 might seem steep compared to the PCP premium of £149.09, but, after 24 payments, the PCP buyer still owes £4,084, whereas the bank loan and hire purchase buyers own their cars outright.

The Co-operative Bank currently offers unsecured loans of £1,500 to £10,000 at 18.94 per cent APR. Barclays charges 19.9 per cent APR for loans between £2,500 and £4,999 and 16.9 per cent for loans of £5,000 to £10,000. NatWest charges 16.9 per cent APR for loans of £2,000 or more.

Ford's "Options" scheme is one of the "personal contract purchase" arrangements available to car buyers along with loans and hire purchase

Adding up cost of the snow

AA Insurance reports that its 24-hour telephone service, Claim Line, had a record number of calls reporting accidents on Tuesday this week after the early-morning falls of snow which caused havoc with commuter traffic. There were reports of 160 accidents in a matter of hours on the road systems around London, with multiple collisions and scores of minor accidents on ungritted roads.

On a normal weekday at this time of year the Claim Line would expect 7-800 calls, a spokesman said, but this Tuesday there were 1,600. All related to loss of control in the conditions: cars crashing into those involved in previous accidents, being skidded into while parked, and in one case run into by a cement mixer.

Other insurers had less-dramatic figures to report. Direct Line said that it had some increase in calls, mainly in the Midlands and South-East, but Norwich Union reported no extra activity at all.

Motorists fearing that a minor dent could cost them their no-claims bonus are often reluctant to inform their insurers, although the conditions of policies require them to fill in an accident-report form in any incident involving another vehicle. The Association of British Insurers stresses that this form is not the same thing as a claim form, and that although drivers may fear they will be penalised automatically, this is not the case.

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In the next few weeks, 300,000 investors will receive about £11,000 each. This is the estimated maturity value of Maximum Investment Plan insurance policies sold ten years ago. Although they include a minimal amount of life assurance, these policies are mainly savings plans with tax relief on contributions.

A newspaper Budget leak in 1984 gave advance warning that the tax relief was to go. Life Assurance Premium Relief (LAPR) was abolished but not before 300,000 policies were sold to beat the deadline, mostly regular premium policies for £50 to £100 a month.

These policies are now maturing and they will finally lose the tax relief, which was worth half the basic rate of tax. Other life policies sold before the 1984 Budget keep tax relief until they mature. Maximum Investment Plan (MIP) policyholders must now decide what to do and, depending on the precise terms of the policy, there are various options.

With the most flexible, the cash can be withdrawn, part of the policy can be surrendered and the rest retained, or the premiums can continue to be paid without tax relief. Or premiums can be reduced to a peppercorn £1 a year, and the policy left to continue growing. Whether the money is taken now or later, the proceeds will be free of income or capital gains tax and can be withdrawn at regular intervals to provide a tax-free income.

Insurance companies, many of whom wrote bumper business in March 1984, are contacting MIP policyholders to alert them of the maturity date. Many are sending information packs in the hope policyholders will be persuaded to leave the money where it is, rather than withdraw, although this might not be in their best interests. They argue that charges on MIPs are lower than on new policies, point to the set-up charges of new investments and, if the policy allows, emphasise continuing tax-free withdrawals.

Even if the policy is maintained, the results should be compared with those of other companies, because the performances have varied enormously. Some MIP money went into with-profits policies but most was invested in unit-linked managed funds. A recent survey by *Money Marketing* magazine showed the wide variations in returns. Investing £70 a month in a ten-year MIP with Sun Life, the top performer, produced £14,525 but with Target Life, the worst, only £11,103.

If policyholders fail to respond to the insurance company's letters the policy will mature and the company will send a cheque.

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Vanessa Barnes, manager of Chase de Vere's client services department, suggests: "Higher-rate taxpayers in particular should put the money into a Pep. You don't get tax relief on going into a Pep but once the money is there it is completely free of all income and capital gains tax." With MIPs, the insurance companies pay some capital gains on the fund. However, she adds: "Some high-rate taxpayers who want to put the maximum into a Pep for this year and next could stay with the MIP."

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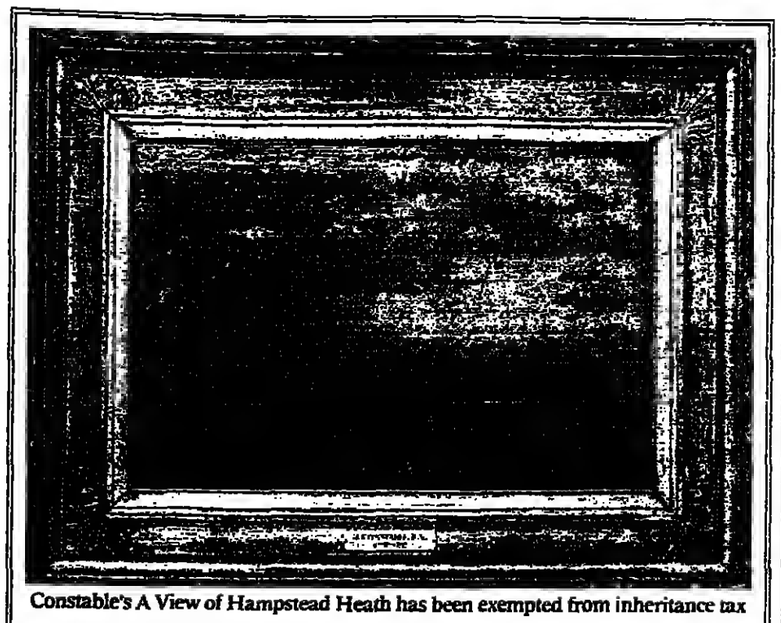

Constable's A View of Hampstead Heath has been exempted from inheritance tax

A private view for the public

About 100 works of art have been conditionally exempted from inheritance tax liability since last November, Robert Miller writes. According to the Inland Revenue, the total number of items listed on the official register of exempt works of art now stands at 11,497. Among the latest additions are A View of Hampstead Heath with bathers in the foreground by John Constable and Still Life with Pear by Ben Nicholson. Both are in private hands.

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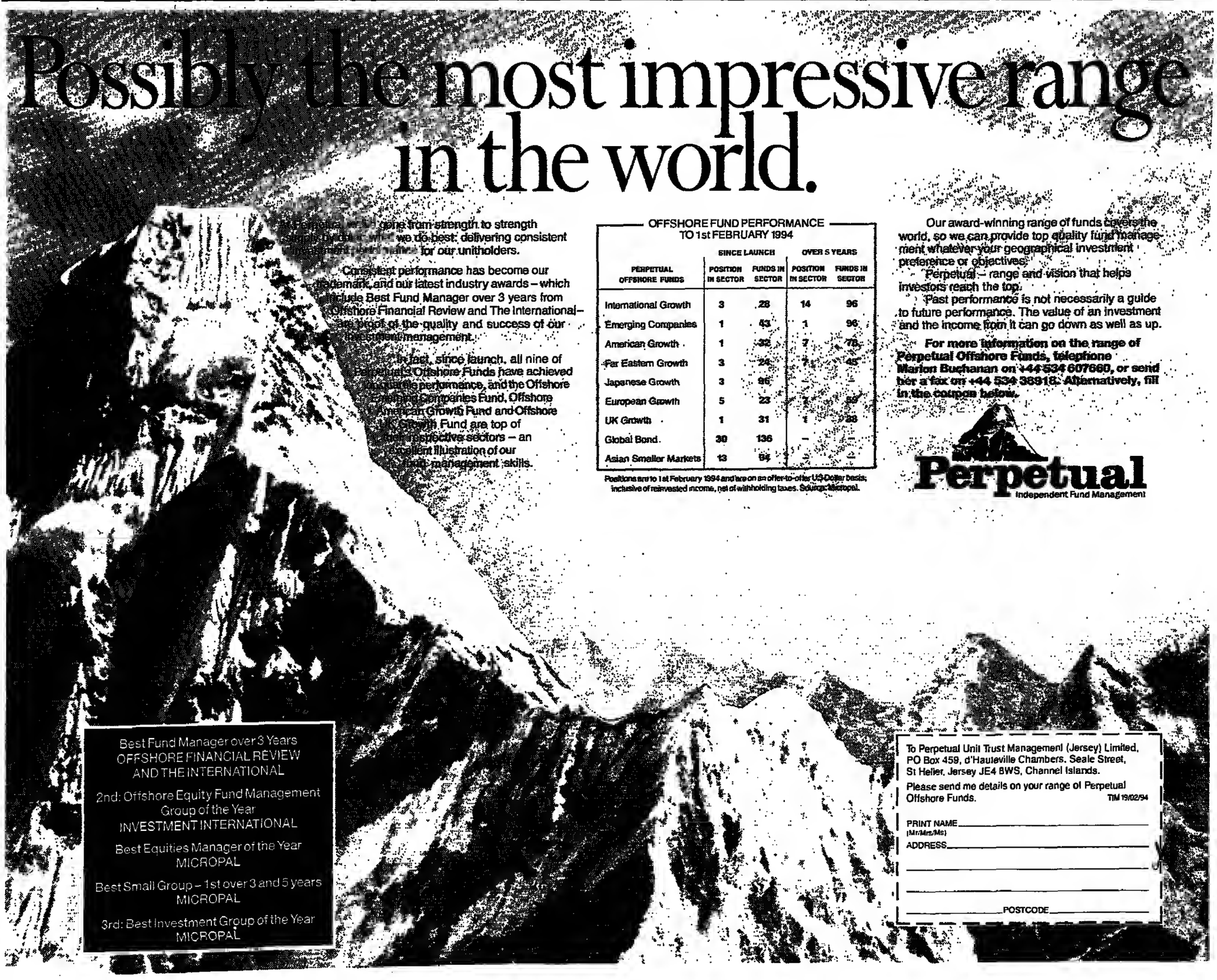

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Property recovery is drawing pensioners back to a controversial money raiser, says **Nicola Cole**

Home income plans still a 'last resort'

A surge of enquiries about home income schemes has resulted from signs of recovery in the residential property market. This trend is "an understandable reaction *from cash-strapped pensioners*", says Mark King, director of Home & Capital Trust, a firm of home reversion plan specialists.

"Traditional building society savers are still being hit hard by low returns on their deposit accounts but have been reluctant to move house to release cash, particularly in the housing slump," he adds. Estate agents are reporting increased momentum in sales and viewings nationwide and older owners see the schemes as offering improved prospects for unlocking capital.

The possibilities are outlined in a recent brochure from Hinton & Wild, a firm of independent financial advisers. Cecil Hinton, managing director, estimates that providers have marketed about 50,000 plans to date. But home income schemes are still controversial. *Which? Way to Save Tax*, while acknowledging the good sense in elderly people spending some of the accumulated value of their homes, says the schemes are "a useful last resort — but try other ways of increasing your income first".

This Consumers' Association book advises against disposal of all interest in a property. "Among other drawbacks," it says, "you may not benefit from the increasing value of your home." The Association of Pensioner Trustees thinks such schemes are ideal "in very few circumstances".

Several leading providers that are keen to ensure that reputable schemes remain unblighted by riskier ones — specifically, those involving investment bonds (now effectively banned) and the small number of roll-up loans still available — have, *since 1992, subscribed to a self-*administered code of practice.

This states that plans purchased from members of the Safe Home Income Plans (SHIP) initiative — Allchurches Life Assurance, Carlyle Life Assurance, Home & Capital and Stalwart Assurance — guarantee against loss of the home.

SHIP members also undertake to provide "a fair, simple and complete presentation" of any plan offered and insist that a client's solicitor is involved before any scheme is finalised.

Johnson Fry, which respects SHIP but declined an invitation to join, believes Age Concern — a significant generator of sales "leads", including many for Johnson Fry's own distinctive CASH Plan — should insist on an ethical code embracing *all* companies named in the fact sheet it sends to enquirers.

Not only is there the question of safeguarding consumers against "the less caring, less scrupulous" operators but of ensuring that schemes will prove equitable in the long term as well, says Jack Tenison, a senior Johnson Fry executive.

Do clients understand the basic difference between a home income plan — centred on a fixed-interest loan and an annuity — and a home reversion scheme, requiring the sale of part or all of a freehold/leasehold property for an income or a discounted lump sum and a lifetime tenancy? Are they aware that the normal minimum loan is £15,001 and the maximum, £30,000? That the minimum portion of property sold *through a reversion is usually 40 to* 50 per cent and the sum received between a third and a half of the market value of that portion?

These are just some of the vital points that an adviser should spell out to borrowers and their families. Other important considerations include commission charged, freedom to shop around for better-value annuities or income-yielding investments, and reduction or loss of income support or council tax benefits. The relatively limited help life insurers can provide in easing a pensioner's financial position is shown in the case of Jean Nichols, 60, of Filey, North Yorkshire. A jobless divorcee in poor health, she is too young by seven years to qualify for a home scheme, although she owns a two-bedroom freehold house worth an estimated £47,500 with no mortgage encumbrance. She has no other assets.

One possible solution would to take out a fixed-rate, interest-only home loan of up to £30,000 and to use this sum to buy an annuity. She would be eligible for Miras relief and, in principle, for income support payment of part or all mortgage interest.

Extra Income for Life and copies of SHIP's *Safe Home Income Plans* guide are available from Hinton & Wild (Home Plans) Ltd, 374-378 Ewell Road, Surbiton, Surrey, KT6 7BB (081 390 8166).

BARRY JACKLYN

Jean Nichols, too young at 60 to qualify for a home income plan

New-look annuity to counter falling rates

Falling interest rates are encouraging insurance companies to look at a new type of annuity that can produce better returns for people who are retiring. The "self-invested" policies do, however, carry a greater risk, along with the potential for greater rewards, and are aimed at people with at least £100,000 to invest.

Traditionally, annuities have guaranteed a fixed rate of return that will last for the lifetime of the pensioner and possibly the spouse. With interest rates now at a 20-year low, rates of return being offered on annuities are correspondingly lower. People retiring now could be left behind if interest rates rise again.

Capital invested in a traditional annuity is lost at death and cannot be passed on to the estate.

Self-invested policies allow the annuity holder to decide how much to draw each month within lower and upper limits and remaining capital can be transferred to the estate on the death of the annuity holder.

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Equitable Life launched a new-style annuity scheme last October. Although there is no formal lower investment limit, Equitable suggests it is suitable for funds over £100,000. Now Provident Life has a similar scheme up for scrutiny at the Inland Revenue. Provident intends its scheme to have a minimum investment of £150,000.

Peter Quinton, managing director of the Annuity Bureau, a financial adviser specialising in annuities, anticipates that "as soon as the Inland Revenue gives Provident the thumbs up, many more life companies will follow suit".

Unlike the conventional annuity, there is an element of risk involved in the self-invested policies, and there are higher charges. But new schemes could give investors a say in how the money is invested, making the schemes more attractive to those pensioners who have a knowledge of finance.

Mr Quinton says: "An investor has got to look carefully at the costs involved. The scheme will not be suitable for a person who needs a base level of income every month but it will suit someone who has built up large sums in a pension portfolio."

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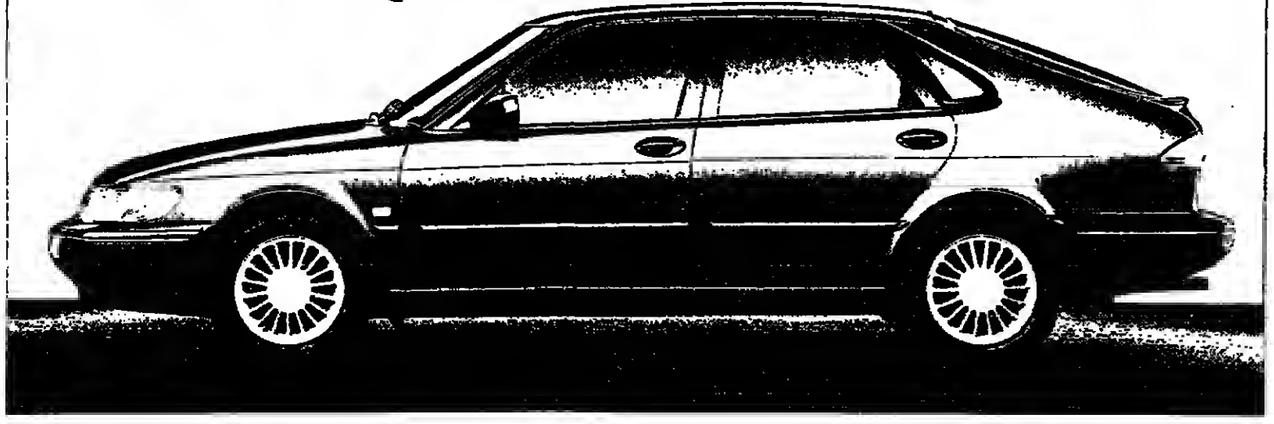

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How to be sure you are paying the right tax

Sara McConnell explains why up to half the codes sent to people with complex tax affairs may be incorrect

By theend of this month, about 15 million people who are taxed under the Pay As You Earn (PAYE) system will have received notices of tax coding for 1994-95 from the Inland Revenue. The latest batch of 4 million notices is going out now, mostly to retired people receiving state pensions as part of their income.

Twice as many notices as usual have been sent out this year, mainly to married couples, widows or those making maintenance payments, because these allowances will now be restricted.

However, it emerged this week that up to half the codes so far sent to people with more complex tax affairs, particularly those receiving married couple's allowances or who get a company car as a benefit, may be wrong.

Accountants say that new rules on the taxation of company cars and married couple's allowance have complicated matters, but in many cases the Inland Revenue has also based its calculation for valuing a benefit on the wrong original information, or assumed wrongly that a taxpayer is in a certain income band.

Tax codes are calculated by the Inland Revenue to tell employers or pension providers how much tax should be deducted in any one tax year. The code is made up of allowances to which a taxpayer is entitled, minus benefits such as medical insurance, company cars and free petrol. Part of the resulting figure, plus a letter, make up the code. Millions of people with simple tax affairs, for example, single people with no dependants and no benefits apart from their salary, will not receive a coding notice.

This week Sir Anthony Battishill, the chairman of the Inland Revenue, caused a stir when he told the Commons Public Accounts Committee that about 10 per cent of employees' tax affairs, including codings, for 1993-94 were wrong. Codings for this tax year, starting on April 6, have not yet all been sent out, so the Inland Revenue will not know how many are wrong until taxpayers or their accountants start coming back with corrections and objections.

Andrew Shaw, partner at Kingston Smith, a firm of accountants based in London, says that all the codes he has seen so far for clients with company cars used last year's scale benefit instead of the new system based on list price. He says: "All these codes will be incorrect, sometimes significantly so."

> ‘Millions of people with simple tax affairs will not receive a coding notice’

In some cases, employees with cars more than four years old have not had their code altered so that they pay less tax. *The Inland Revenue says* it is up to employers to tell them the list price of cars given to their employees as a benefit and employees should check this. Another difficulty has been that the Inland Revenue has had to guess whether married people or those receiving other "restricted allowances" will be 20 per cent, 25 per cent or 40 per cent taxpayers next tax year, in order to put the right restriction in the code, David Rothenberg, of Blick Rothenberg, says.

The Inland Revenue says people must tell their tax office when they change or lose jobs and benefits. People should also tell their tax office when they marry, are over 65 or over 75, because allowances change. If the Revenue does not know, it has to guess, which makes mistakes more likely.

Higher- rate taxpayers who may owe tax on investments in 1993-94 could find their 1994-95 code adjusted to take this into account. However, the present tax year still has nearly two months to go, so the code will be wrong, Mr Shaw says. The same applies to those with "potential underpayment" on their code.

If people's codes are wrong in one tax year, meaning they pay too little tax or too much, the Inland Revenue should send an assessment after the end of the year. Tax owed will normally be collected through next year's code or in a lump sum.

Unfair though it may seem, taxpayers who owe the Inland Revenue money have to pay in 30 days or be charged interest. But if the Inland Revenue owes a taxpayer money, it does not have a 30-day deadline for repayment and starts paying interest only in the tax year after the one in which the mistake occurred.

TAX CODES EXPLAINED

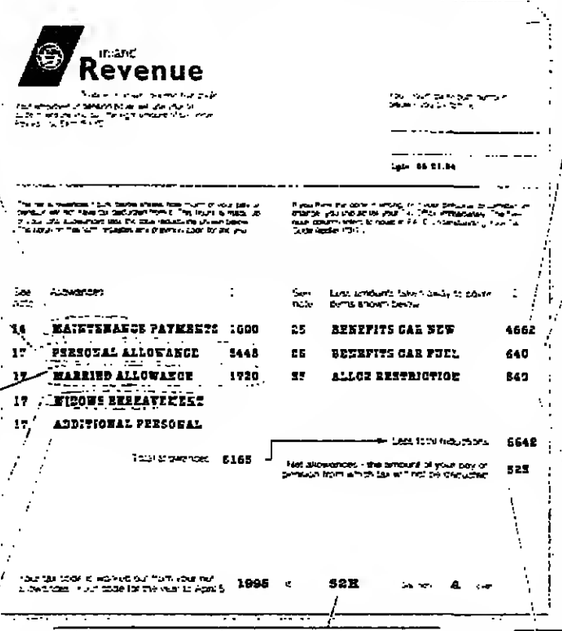
Maintenance payments 1000
Maintenance payments to a divorced or separated spouse or children under 21 below the level of the basic married couples' allowance of 1,720 can be made out of untaxed income and are treated as an allowance for working out the tax code. The amount on the notice is the amount the Revenue thinks you are paying for 1994. Under new rules coming in in 1994-1995, the allowance for maintenance payments up to 1,720 will be restricted (see alice restriction). Those paying more than 1,720 because they made arrangements before March 15 1988 will only get a restriction on the first 1,720

Personal allowance 3445
Everyone under 65 is eligible for a personal allowance of 3,445. For over 65s, the figure will be 4,200 (if their income is less than 14,200). For over 75s it will be 4,370 (for incomes less than 14,200). Older people with higher incomes will get a lower allowance

Married allowance 1720
All married couples under 65 receive an allowance of 1720. It can be allocated to either the husband or wife, or split between them if they elect to do so. For married people over 65 with income of less than 14,200 the figure will be 2,665. For over 75s with less than 14,200 a year, the figure will be 2,705. From this year it will be restricted (see alice restriction).

Widows' bereavement (1720)
Widows get an allowance of 1,720 in the year of their husband's death and the following year. From this year, it will be restricted (see alice restriction)

Additional personal (1720)
Separated, single, divorced or widowed people with children living with them or husbands living with disabled or incapacitated wives get an allowance of 1,720. From this year it will be restricted (see alice restriction)



The code includes part of the net allowance figure and a letter, in this case H. H indicates to an employer that the taxpayer is a basic rate taxpayer with personal allowance plus married couples or other additional allowance

Benefits car new 4662
Your employer has told the Revenue you have a company car with a manufacturer's list price of 20,000. You do between 2,500 and 18,000 business miles a year and your car is less than four years old. You will be taxed on 2/3 of 35 per cent of the list price, in this case 4,662. You will pay less tax if you do more business miles or have an older car and more if you do fewer than 2,500 business miles. If your coding notice says Benfits car without the word 'new' check your employer has told the Revenue what car you have.

Benefits car fuel 640
You fill up with petrol at a company pump or have a company petrol card. The scale of charges depends on the size of the engine. The figure above is the value to you of free company petrol for a car with an engine up to 1400cc. You will be taxed on this value

Alice restriction 540
From this year, the government has decreed that the value of certain allowances, including married couples, some maintenance payments, widows' benefit and additional allowance will be restricted to the lower rate of 20 per cent. Because allowances are set against income before tax is charged, at the moment they are worth most to higher rate taxpayers who would otherwise have had to pay tax at their highest rate on this portion of their income. To make the value of the allowances worth the same for everyone, the Revenue has deducted a certain amount from affected taxpayers' allowances depending on their income. In this case, the Revenue has assumed you are a basic rate taxpayer under 65. A higher rate taxpayer under 65 should see the figure 860

Net allowances 523
This is the amount of money in this case from which tax will not be deducted. Allowances have been added up then benefits deducted to reach this total.

Note: No taxpayer's notice will include all these circumstances which are for illustration and explanation only

Help at hand

Taxpayers who do not understand their coding notice or are not sure if it is right have several options (Sara McConnell writes). If they are employed, they could contact the payroll department of their company, which collects tax under the Pay As You Earn system on behalf of the Inland Revenue and ask them to explain the coding.

Alternatively, they could contact the tax office whose address is at the top of the notice. The Inland Revenue says its staff should be able to help. The Revenue has issued a booklet, *PAYE: Understanding Your Tax Code* (booklet P3 (T)) which explains how the code is worked out and what the different figures mean.

It also has a helpful factsheet on tax allowance restrictions (FS1) which explains how these restrictions are worked out.

If these fail, another option is to approach an accountant. However, those who do not normally need an accountant to handle their tax affairs will probably find most are unenthusiastic about the idea of having clients pop in off the street just for one meeting.

Maurice Fitzpatrick, of Chantrey Vellacott, said one meeting to discuss tax codes could cost between £50 and £100 an hour. Most firms work on a time-spent basis rather than setting a fixed fee. The cost also depends on the seniority of the person handling the meeting. People could save themselves money by having one meeting, getting advice, then communicating with the Revenue themselves.

Brian Friedman, of Arthur Andersen, said the firm may consider a request from an employer to explain tax codings, but would be less likely to do this for an individual.

Some firms do offer a fixed-fee service. BDO Binder Hamlyn will agree a fixed fee for checking codings as well as preparing tax returns, advising on assessments and contacting the Revenue. The fee depends on how complicated tax affairs are. More details of the service are available on 081-666 9032.

Andrew Shaw of Kingston Smith, said the firm would charge a fixed fee of £25 for going through someone's tax coding notice. However, any subsequent action, like writing to the Revenue would be charged on a time-spent basis. The cost of 15 minutes with a tax manager is £22.

High street tax shops that give simple advice but which are not chartered accountants are not as widespread here as overseas. One that will give advice on tax coding is Taxback in Kensington, London (071-938 3615).

Scot Drummond, partner at Taxback, said simply having a code checked would cost £25. Customers would need a P60, P11D (with details of employee benefits) and the notice of coding.

However, if the Revenue turned out to owe the taxpayer money because of a mistake in coding, Taxback would take a commission of 15 per cent when the rebate arrived. In this case customers would not have to pay the £25 fee on top.

BRIEFINGS

A flat-rate dealing service for personal equity plans (Peps) has been launched by Torquil Clark Associates, independent financial advisers, for a fixed fee of £25. The firm will handle any size of Pep investments and give all initial commission earned back to the client, saving £155 on £6,000. Couples investing £6,000 each are charged £37.50, saving £322.50.

Elderly and disabled people who cannot manage their own affairs because of physical or mental incapacity will be able to register to get interest from building society and bank deposits paid gross. Changes to Inland Revenue rules mean that from March 4 building societies and banks can accept registration forms signed by wardens in residential homes or others appointed by the social security department to receive benefits on behalf of incapacitated clients.

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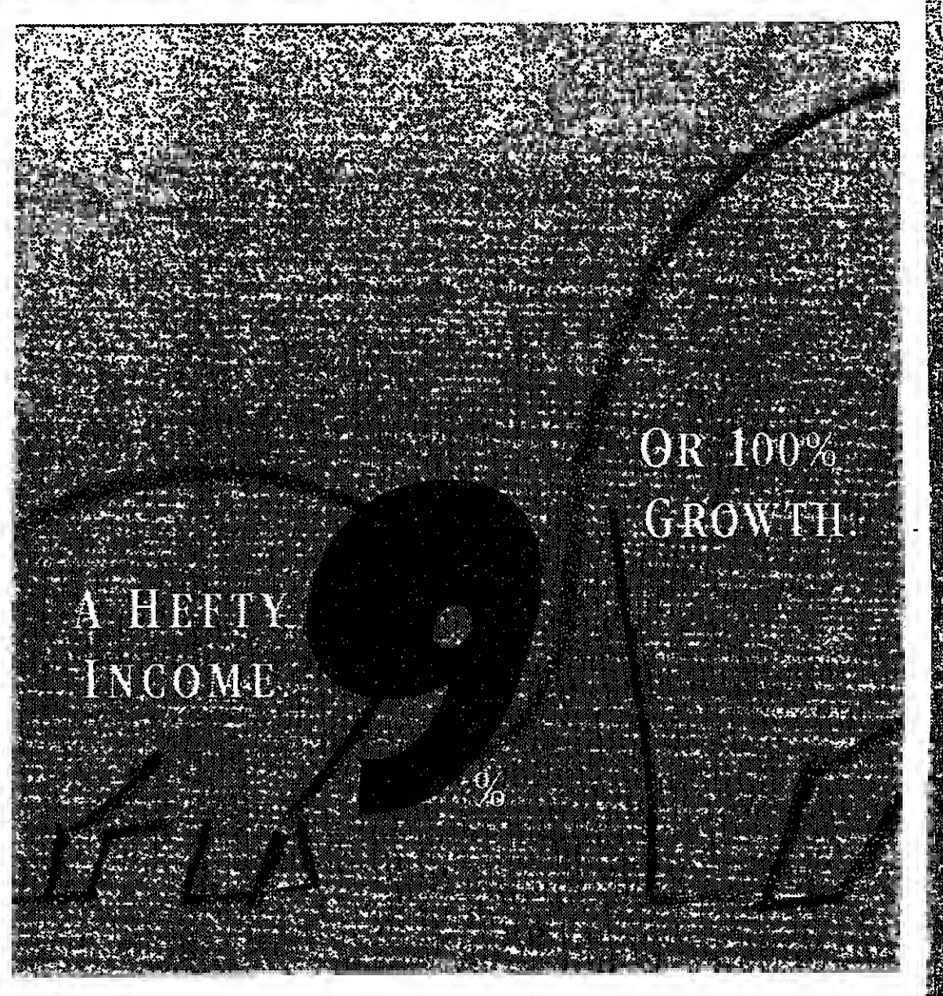

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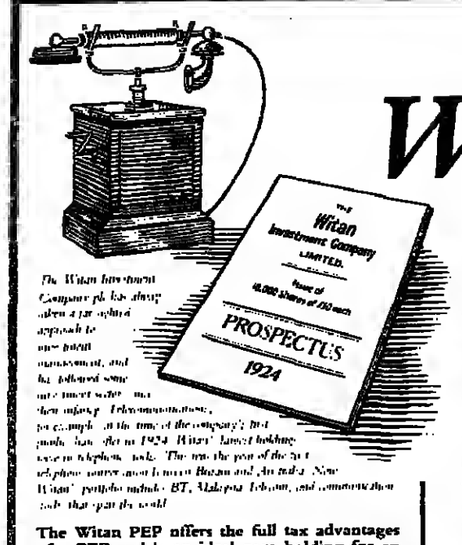

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Bank staff are not trained to cope with personal problems, says **Liz Dolan**

Local bank managers who know their customers, like Captain Mainwaring in Dad's Army, are long gone

Do the banks care?

The suicide of a Barclays customer this week was a mercifully extreme example of the stress suffered by people in financial difficulties. More commonly, debtors who can see no way out lapse into a state of paralysis, allowing bills and letters from creditors to mount up unopened.

Barclays cannot reasonably be held solely responsible for Stephen Langley's death. The suicide note simply blamed "the pressure of living". Nonetheless, his case raises the question of the degree to which bank staff consider customers' states of mind when trying to recover the bank's money.

Gone are the days, if they ever existed, of the friendly local bank manager who knew his customers personally, and could discuss their problems over tea and biscuits in the privacy of his office. His job is now normally carried out by one of a number of staff, in the full glare of the banking hall.

National Westminster says its employees are not specifically trained in debt counselling. "We teach people to be professional lenders, which means they are expected to keep a balance between what is good for the customer and what is good for us.

"If there are real problems, they would try to refer customers to older, more senior staff, who may or may not have the experience to deal with them." For more general counselling, NatWest prefers to direct customers to citizens' advice bureaux. To date, it has contributed £400,000 towards the training of CAB counsellors.

"It is a question of two-way communication," the Midland says. "It can be difficult to convince people that they must contact us, but there's very little we can do if they run away." Midland employees who have to advise customers with problems are "counselled and guided by older members of staff."

Eighteen months ago, the banking ombudsman directed Girobank to pay £600 compensation after a spectacular catalogue of errors that left customers Heather and Paul Smith (not their real names) very distressed. Put simply, an existing problem concerning an unpaid overdraft was made very much worse by the thoughtlessness and inefficiency of Girobank staff.

Letters and phone calls were unanswered, records were lost and Mrs Smith was particularly upset when her cheque book and card were publicly confiscated in front of a post office queue. "We were happy to accept the ombudsman's judgment," said a spokesman for Girobank. "You really can do nothing other than hold your hands up in horror at what happened."

The bank subsequently compounded the problem through what it intended as an act of kindness. "We left them alone for a nearly a year before reminding them that they still owed us money," said the spokesman. "I think, because of the ombudsman's criticism, we were trying not to hound them."

Unfortunately, Mr Smith had somehow been left with the impression that the bank had decided to write off the debt as well as pay the compensation. The reminder letter came as a shock, made worse when he then discovered a credit reference agency had blocked his daughter's application for a student loan.

More opt for IVAs

THE number of sole traders and small businesses opting for an individual voluntary arrangement with their creditors, rather than declaring themselves bankrupt, has increased dramatically, according to a survey published by the Society of Practitioners of Insolvency this week.

Although IVAs have been available since 1986, it is only in the past two years that their use has become more widespread. The advantages of an IVA over bankruptcy are that people may carry on with their business and keep some of their assets.

To enter into an IVA, 75 per cent of the creditors must agree to the rescue plan, which is presented by an Insolvency Practitioner licensed by the Department of Trade and Industry. A register of the practitioners is published by Her Majesty's Stationery Office at £11.50. Alternatively, a local Official Receiver should keep a list.

Andrew Smith, a spokesman for the Society of Practitioners of Insolvency, admits the process of agreeing an IVA is arduous. The cost could be several thousand pounds. He explains: "The arrangement allows for so many pence in the pound to be repaid over the agreed time span. The practitioners' fees are taken from that sum and not up-front."

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It pays to shop around for best B&B deals

Jill Insley says investors with big capital gains from the recent bull market should use tax allowances now

The spectacular rise in the stock market during the past year will have left many investors sitting on substantial gains. Unless they are careful, they could face a tax liability. Holders of shares and unit trusts have until April 5 to make use of this tax year's capital gains tax (CGT) allowance of £5,800 to avoid at least part of the tax bill.

Investors who want to retain their current shares or unit trusts while cutting their tax liability should "bed and breakfast" their holdings. This involves selling part or all of the investment which has risen in value to realise that capital gain. The sale is usually carried out in the afternoon, and the shares or units are repurchased next morning. This allows the gain to be set against the CGT allowance, which cannot be carried forward to the next tax year.

If the investor holds his shares for years without realising their gains, he may find himself saddled with an unmanageable tax bill when he sells. Richard Larner, managing director of Waters Lunniss, the broker, says: "You may find yourself on the end of a takeover bid in the future and forced to sell your shares. If you haven't bed and breakfasted, you will find yourself with an unnecessary tax bill."

If an investor's portfolio gains exceed his CGT allowance, he should consider bed and breakfasting stock which has dropped in value. Losses can be offset against the gains.

Inflation may also work in the investor's favour. To calculate the real capital gain of a unit trust or share, he must adjust for the average rate of inflation over the period of ownership. For example, shares costing £2,000 in 1982 may now be worth £4,000. But inflation over this period has been about 78 per cent, so the original shareholding of £2,000 would now have to be £3,560 to have stood still. The actual capital gain on shares worth £4,000 is only £440.

Shareholders should shop around for the cheapest bed and breakfast deal. National & Provincial Building Society offers bed and breakfasts for a £10 registration fee, £10 for the first £1,000-worth of shares, £2 for each extra £1,000-worth of shares plus £5 for re-purchasing until March 31.

Waters Lunniss charges 1 per cent of the first £5,000, 0.15 thereafter and £5 for re-purchase, with a minimum charge of £17. Skipton Building Society charges 1 per cent on the first £5,000 of sales, 0.2 per cent thereafter with a minimum of £25, but no re-purchase charge.

The bed and breakfasting of unit trusts is much more complicated. The key thing is the price at which the unit trust company is prepared to buy back and re-sell units.

Companies tend to set their bed and breakfast price in relation to their normal bid and offer prices — quoting either discounts on their offer prices or premiums on their bid price. While M&G buys units back from the investor at 1 per cent above the bid price, Henderson sells units at the offer price less 4.5 per cent. Different policies can affect the selection of units to bed and breakfast.

Michael Maloney, a retired investor who has researched the bed and breakfast deals available in the unit trust market, says: "Different holdings, even of the same trust bought at different times, include different amounts of taxable gain, so the cost in pence per pound in capital gain sheltered can vary enormously."

Holdings of the same unit trust bought at different times since 1982, can be pooled to produce an average purchase price for capital gains purposes. The treatment of unit trust purchases before this date is more complicated, and investors would be well advised to seek the advice of an independent financial adviser.

Although stockbrokers can bed and breakfast unit trusts, they will charge commission, so it is usually cheaper to approach the fund manager for this service.

JAMES MORGAN

Stock market losses can be offset against gains by bed and breakfasting

CGT ALLOWANCES FOR DECEMBER 1993

The indexed rise for calculating the indexation allowance on assets disposed of in December 1993.

Month purchased	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987
January	—	0.719	0.634	0.556	0.474	0.419
February	—	0.710	0.627	0.543	0.469	0.413
March	0.786	0.707	0.622	0.529	0.467	0.411
April	0.751	0.684	0.601	0.497	0.453	0.394
May	0.738	0.677	0.595	0.490	0.450	0.393
June	0.734	0.673	0.591	0.487	0.451	0.393
July	0.733	0.664	0.593	0.490	0.455	0.384
August	0.733	0.656	0.578	0.486	0.451	0.390
September	0.734	0.649	0.575	0.487	0.444	0.386
October	0.725	0.643	0.565	0.484	0.441	0.379
November	0.717	0.637	0.560	0.479	0.429	0.372
December	0.720	0.633	0.561	0.477	0.424	0.374
	1988	**1989**	**1990**	**1991**	**1992**	**1993**
January	0.374	0.278	0.187	0.090	0.046	0.029
February	0.368	0.269	0.181	0.084	0.041	0.022
March	0.363	0.264	0.169	0.080	0.038	0.019
April	0.341	0.241	0.134	0.066	0.022	0.009
May	0.336	0.234	0.124	0.063	0.019	0.006
June	0.331	0.230	0.120	0.058	0.019	0.006
July	0.330	0.229	0.119	0.061	0.022	0.009
August	0.315	0.225	0.108	0.058	0.022	0.004
September	0.309	0.217	0.097	0.054	0.018	0.000
October	0.298	0.208	0.089	0.050	0.014	0.001
November	0.290	0.197	0.092	0.046	0.016	0.002
December	0.286	0.194	0.092	0.046	0.019	—

The RI month for disposals by individuals on or after April 6, 1985 (April 1, 1986 for companies) is the month in which the allowable expenditure was incurred, or March 1982 where the expenditure was incurred before that month.

MORTGAGE NEWS

John Charcol, the mortgage adviser, is offering a cheap way for homeowners to remortgage to a fixed rate. It is charging a flat rate of £250 on completion to switch borrowers to a mortgage fixed at 6.99 per cent (APR 7.6 per cent) for five years. The loans are provided by Bank of Ireland Mortgages.

The £250 fee waives the need for payment of valuation fees, lender's arrangement fees, disbursements such as land registry, and unless the borrower wants to use his own solicitor, conveyancing charges. Ian Darby, marketing director for John Charcol, says that by comparison, the typical costs for a borrower taking out a £50,000 loan would be £976.

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Fixed Interest	336.70	356.30	- 0.30	...
Money	245.10	259.40	+ 0.10	...
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Bear	20.14	21.21	+ 0.07	...
Owl	20.82	21.92	+ 0.05	...
Bull	19.04	20.05	- 0.03	...
Stag	20.53	21.62	- 0.09	...
Gilt Edged	19.51	19.51	+ 0.06	...
Deposit	15.49	15.49	.	...
Pensions				
Squirrel	23.66	24.91	+ 0.01	...
Bear	27.35	28.79	+ 0.10	...
Owl	28.33	29.83	+ 0.10	...
Bull	24.60	25.90	- 0.05	...
Stag	25.89	27.26	- 0.13	...
Gilt Edged	24.16	24.16	+ 0.08	...
Deposit	19.79	19.79	+ 0.01	...
Pre 1982 Series				
3-Way Fund	615.19	615.20	- 3.23	...
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UK Equity	370.19	389.68	- 1.00	...
N Amer Equity	302.31	318.23	- 1.61	...
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Fixed	306.05	322.16	+ 1.07	...
Cash Deposit	199.93	210.46	- 0.12	...
Property	147.30	155.11	- 3.05	...
Special Opp	411.02	432.66	- 0.13	...
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-do- Acc	499.10	525.40	+ 0.10	...
Equity Fd Inc	181.90	191.50	+ 1.10	...
-do- Acc	236.10	248.60	+ 1.50	...
Selective Fd	495.70	521.80	- 1.20	...
Money Fd	367.40	386.80	+ 0.10	...
Prop Fd Ser 4	388.80	409.30	+ 0.10	...
Equity Ser 4	223.30	235.10	+ 1.00	...
Man Ser 4	494.40	520.40	+ 2.30	...
Com Ser 4	321.10	338.00	+ 0.10	...
Money Ser 4	320.70	337.00	...	...
Fixed Int Ser 4	356.00	374.80	- 0.90	...
American Ser 4	325.60	366.50	- 0.70	...
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Intl Managed Acc	620.20	652.80	- 0.50	...
Intl Fxd Int Acc	330.30	347.70	+ 2.70	...
Japan Fund	303.70	319.60	+ 2.70	...
N American Acc	330.40	347.70	+ 2.10	...
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Managed Capital	363.60	397.00	+ 1.60	...
-do- Acc	1136.4	1196.3	+ 2.90	...
Overseas Acc	998.80	1051.4	+ 2.60	...
Gilt Edged Acc	496.50	522.70	+ 1.70	...
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International Acc	425.70	448.20	- 1.60	...
-do- Initial	290.30	305.60	- 1.20	...
Managed Acc	546.50	575.30	+ 0.40	...
-do- Initial	373.90	393.60	+ 1.20	...
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Worldwide Gth	539.55	567.95	- 4.90	...
Balanced Fund	687.12	723.29	+ 0.73	...
Smlr Cos Recov	732.97	771.55	- 0.16	...
N Amer & Genrl	394.12	414.87	- 0.79	...
Pacific Basin	494.25	520.27	-25.82	...
German Growth	231.34	243.52	+ 2.52	...
Japan Growth	193.51	203.70	+ 1.08	...
The UK Gth Fd	218.28	229.77	- 0.08	...
Cont Euro Gth	134.90	142.07	- 0.18	...
Property Fund	388.25	408.69	+ 2.47	...
Fixed Interest	325.53	342.69	+ 1.40	...
Cash Fund	276.44	291.09	+ 0.16	...
Managed Inv	507.00	533.77	- 0.26	...
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UK Opportunity	189.90	200.90	+ 2.10	...
Euro Opportunity	232.00	245.50	+ 4.30	...
North Amer Opp	177.30	187.60	+ 0.20	...
Far East Opp	214.10	226.50	+ 2.80	...
Gwth Prop Ser 1	142.00	149.40	...	...
Gth Prop Ser 2	177.10	187.80	...	...
Fixed Int	195.80	207.10	- 0.60	...
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Gilt & Fxd Int	254.50	267.90	+ 0.70	...
Equity	384.50	404.80	- 0.10	...
Cash	212.70	224.00	+ 0.10	...
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Assurance Funds	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Sapphire Mixed	302.60	318.60	+ 1.30	...
Ruby	178.00	187.80	- 0.20	...
Emerald	147.50	155.30	+ 0.40	...
Equity	344.20	362.40	+ 2.80	...
Property	212.80	224.10	+ 0.70	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	217.60	229.90	+ 0.60	...
Indexed Sect	171.00	180.00	+ 1.70	...
Cash	182.68	192.30	+ 0.10	...
Nth American	322.90	235.70	- 2.70	...
Far East	354.30	373.00	-16.50	...
International	344.70	257.00	- 1.10	...
Special Sits	356.40	375.20	+ 0.40	...
Intl Income	308.90	324.30	- 2.20	...
American Inc	196.20	206.60	- 2.60	...
European	321.10	338.00	+ 0.40	...
Japanese	145.50	153.20	- 1.30	...
SE Asia	395.70	416.40	-15.80	...
With Profits Reg	155.70	163.90	- 0.30	...
-do- Spec	155.70	163.90	- 0.20	...
Flexible Retirement Plans Funds				
Mixed	338.20	356.00	+ 1.60	...
Equity	403.90	425.30	+ 7.00	...
Property	193.20	201.40	+ 1.00	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	267.90	282.00	+ 0.70	...
Index Linked	181.80	191.40	+ 1.80	...
Cash	241.90	254.70	+ 0.40	...
Nth American	276.70	701.30	- 3.90	...
Far East Acc	340.60	358.30	- 2.80	...
International Acc	314.30	330.60	+ 2.80	...
Special Sits	513.90	541.00	+ 1.00	...
European Flex	454.10	478.00	+ 1.40	...

COLONIAL MUTUAL GROUP
Colonial House, Chatham Maritime,
Kent ME4 4YY. 0634 890 000

(Unit-Link	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
-do- Pacemaker	330.24	...	...	...
-do- Cash	149.43	209.90	+ 0.10	...
-do- Equity	556.01	586.22	- 11.80	...
-do- Fxd Int	379.64	399.62	- 3.35	...
-do- Managed	399.81	420.87	- 7.93	...
-do- Property	388.22	408.69	- 4.26	...
(Pens: Cash Cap	202.21	218.12	- 0.01	...
-do- Cash Inv	295.00	310.53	- 0.31	...
-do- Equity Cap	1515.2	1595.8	-11.75	...
-do- Equity Inv	2157.2	2270.7	-15.20	...
-do- Fixed Cap	416.83	438.78	- 0.35	...
-do- Fixed Inv	593.44	624.68	- 0.50	...
-do- Index Cap	214.95	226.27	- 0.60	...
-do- Index Inv	306.01	322.13	- 0.64	...
Mngd Cap	595.33	626.18	+9.72	...
Mngd Inv	847.56	892.16	- 6.68	...

COMMERCIAL UNION
St Helen's, 1 Undershaft, EC3. 071 283 7500

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Var Ann Acc (5)	4735.01	...	- 5.00	...
Var Ann Acc (7)	895.69	...	- 0.49	...
Prime: Managed	420.70	442.90	- 2.40	...
Prime: UK Equity	505.70	532.40	+ 6.40	...
Prime: Int Equity	334.80	341.90	- 2.20	...
Prime: Property	228.10	240.00	- 4.00	...
Prime: Fixed Int	251.50	264.80	- 0.30	...
Prime: Index-Link	179.00	188.50	- 2.10	...
Prime: Cash	200.20	210.80	- 0.20	...

CONFEDERATION LIFE
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN
0438 744840

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed Fund	1180.9	1249.3	- 2.40	...
Equity Fund	1733.3	1824.5	- 7.00	...

CROWN FINANCIAL
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
0483 759053

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Life Managd Acc	618.50	651.00	+ 3.50	...
Life Fxd Int Acc	381.30	401.30	+ 0.60	...
Life Equity Acc	854.70	899.60	+ 8.20	...
Life Money Acc	293.70	309.10	- .	...
Life Inv Tst Acc	869.10	914.80	+ 4.10	...
Life Intl Acc	526.40	554.10	- 1.00	...
Life High Inc Acc	612.30	655.00	+ 6.20	...
Life Property Acc	264.30	278.20	+ 0.40	...
Crown Brit Inv A	1389.4	...	...	...
Brewin Equity	722.90	760.90	- 9.20	...
Life Equity Acc	234.00	246.30	...	...

EAGLE STAR LIFE ASSURANCE
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester
GL53 7LQ. 0242 220311

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Secure Fund	171.00	180.00	+ 0.10	...
Blue Chip Fund	254.40	267.00	...	...
-do- Series 2	164.00	173.30	...	...
Adventurous Fd	217.80	229.30	- 3.90	...
-do- Series 2	164.90	173.60	- 3.00	...
Performance Fd	262.10	275.90	- 2.10	...
-do- Series 2	171.00	180.10	- 1.30	...
UK Fxd Fnd Int	149.10	157.00	- 0.10	...
UK Equity Fund	168.10	177.00	+ 1.40	...
Property Fund	114.70	120.80	- 0.60	...
Environmnl Opps	166.00	174.60	+ 2.10	...
Euro Fund	189.00	199.00	- 1.70	...
North Amer Fd	202.40	213.10	- 1.00	...
Oriental Opp	288.40	269.40	-10.60	...
Japanese Fund	133.00	140.10	- 0.20	...
Bd & West Life	119.30	125.50	+ 0.10	...
Bd & West Pen	132.00	139.00	+ 0.20	...

EAGLE STAR/MIDLAND
60 St Mary Axe, London EC3. 071 929 1111

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Eagle/Mid Uts	287.60	298.00	+ 2.70	3.07

FRIENDS' PROVIDENT
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH
0722 413366

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed (Mkd)	317.90	334.70	- 0.30	...
UK Equity	423.00	445.30	+ 1.60	...
Stewardship	369.00	388.50	+ 0.70	...
Overseas Equity	295.10	310.70	- 2.60	...
North American	156.90	165.20	- 2.60	...
Pacific Basin	175.20	184.50	- 4.60	...
European	210.60	231.00	+ 1.70	...
Property	208.40	211.00	+ 0.20	...
Fixed Interest	243.30	256.20	- 0.50	...
Index Linked	171.50	180.60	- 1.30	...
Cash	195.39	205.63	+ 0.10	...

GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Allens Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond
EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
GT Plan Far East	387.20	407.50	+ 1.10	...
GT Plan Worldc	605.50	637.80	+ 0.70	...

GENERAL ACCIDENT
2 Rougier Street, York YO1 1HR. 0904 629881

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed	215.90	227.20	+ 0.60	...
Unitised Profit	128.80	135.50	+ 0.30	...
UK Equity	289.80	304.90	+ 2.50	...
Fixed Int	205.90	216.60	+ 1.00	...
Index-Linked	171.80	180.30	- 1.90	...
Cash Deposit	170.50	179.40	+ 0.10	...
Property	176.70	189.10	+ 2.30	...
International	194.80	205.00	- 1.40	...
American	162.00	170.40	+ 0.70	...
Japan	298.10	271.00	- 0.10	...
Japan Smlr Cos	264.30	278.10	+ 0.20	...
European	186.20	195.90	- 0.40	...
Pacific Fund	316.00	332.50	- 9.50	...
Conv Life	146.00	153.60	+ 1.30	...

GENERAL PORTFOLIO LIFE
Gen Portfolio House, Harlow, Essex
CM20 2EW. 0279 626362

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Portfolio Acc	732.90	732.90	- 2.20	...
-do- Inv A	732.80	771.40	- 2.40	...
UK Equity	417.70	439.80	+ 3.40	...
Gilt Fixt	216.80	228.30	+ 0.40	...
Managed	322.10	339.20	- 1.00	...
Inter Mgrt	289.60	304.90	- 1.90	...

GUARDIAN ROYAL EXCHANGE
Royal Exchange London EC3. 071 283 7101

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Ast Prop Bds	737.10	769.80	...	...
Managed Initial	510.70	537.80	+ 2.60	...
-do- Acc	715.40	753.10	+ 4.00	...
Equity Initial	746.00	785.30	+ 7.00	...
-do- Acc	1045.0	1100.0	+10.30	...
Fixed Int Initial	477.20	502.40	- 0.10	...
-do- Acc	668.20	703.70	+ 1.40	...
Intl Initial	503.00	528.50	- 2.40	...
-do- Acc	704.00	741.70	- 3.70	...
Nth Amer Initial	191.10	201.10	- 0.60	...
-do- Acc	243.60	256.40	- 0.80	...
Pacific Initial	191.00	200.90	- 4.30	...
-do- Acc	342.20	360.20	- 4.90	...
Property Initial	167.10	175.90	...	...
-do- Acc	233.80	246.10	...	...
Index-Linked Initial	167.40	176.20	+ 1.20	...
-do- Acc	212.40	224.00	- 1.50	...
Deposit Initial	195.40	205.70	...	...
-do- Acc	273.80	288.30	+ 0.20	...
Euro Initial	140.30	113.60	- 2.60	...
-do- Acc	126.40	133.10	+ 2.30	...

HAMBRO GUARDIAN ASSURANCE
Kingscote, 1 King Edward Road, Brentwood,
Essex CM14 4HG. 0277 200959

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed	173.70	182.80	+ 0.10	...
-do- Pens	214.80	226.10	...	...
UK Equity	173.10	182.20	+ 0.10	...
International	190.40	200.80	+ 0.30	...
-do- Pens	151.50	158.40	+ 0.30	...
Deposit	164.20	172.80	- 0.50	...
-do- Pens	137.00	144.30	...	...
	160.70	169.10	+ 0.10	...

HENDERSON ADMINISTRATION
3 Finsbury Avenue, London EC2M 2PA
071 638 5757

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
UK Equity Fd	394.70	419.90	+ 0.20	...
North America	350.80	370.30	- 1.30	...
Far East Fund	693.60	737.90	-21.50	...
Global Managed	502.40	534.50	- 3.00	...
Deposit Fund	224.40	236.30	+ 0.20	...
Prpnw Residential	128.60	135.40	+ 0.30	...
European Fund	271.30	288.70	+ 2.90	...
Fixed Interest	71.20	75.80	- 0.40	...

HILL SAMUEL LIFE
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Security Fund	530.10	701.00	+ 4.20	...
British Fund	549.20	581.20	+ 4.40	...
International	546.90	578.50	- 2.60	...
Dollar Fund	382.10	404.40	- 2.40	...
Capital Fund	489.50	518.00	+ 2.60	...
Income Fund	729.50	772.01	+ 2.60	...
Property Series A	433.10	454.40	+ 0.60	5.00
Property Units	707.70	743.10	+ 0.70	...
Financial Fund	623.80	660.20	- 3.00	...
Managed Ser A	565.80	596.80	+ 2.10	...
Managed Units	1013.2	1066.6	+ 3.80	...
High Yield Fund	704.30	745.00	+ 1.40	...
Money Series A	281.10	297.50	+ 0.20	...
Money Units	371.30	391.10	+ 0.30	...
Equity Fund	646.40	684.10	+ 3.20	...
Fixed Interest	396.60	419.70	+ 0.50	...
Indexed Secs	190.40	201.50	- 1.00	...
European Fund	780.50	804.80	+ 8.90	...
Natural Res	315.50	333.60	+ 0.50	...
Far East Fund	685.50	725.40	-14.60	...
Smaller Cos	579.20	570.60	+ 3.60	...
Special Sits	470.50	497.90	+ 1.10	...
Man Currency	359.30	374.40	- 0.60	...
Japanese Tech	374.50	390.50	- 3.80	...
US Smaller Cos	229.60	243.00	+ 3.80	...

IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE
Irish Life Centre, Victoria Street, St Albans,
Herts AL1 3TF. 0727 48383

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Global Managed	580.00	610.30	+ 0.40	...
Global Property	281.00	295.80	...	...
Global Fixed Int	536.50	564.70	+ 0.90	...
Global Equity	617.90	650.40	+ 1.20	...
Global Cash	208.20	219.20	+ 0.10	...

LAURENTIAN LIFE
Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ
0453 371371

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Gtd Mgd	504.70	531.20	+ 0.50	...
Property	467.90	492.50	+ 1.30	...
Managed	437.30	460.30	+ 0.50	...
American	412.60	440.00	- 4.10	...
UK Equity Fd	474.70	499.60	+ 2.60	...
Japan	217.50	229.30	- 7.70	...
Index-Lkd	188.50	198.40	- 0.60	...
High Yield	894.10	941.10	+ 3.30	...
Growth Cap	454.10	477.90	+ 0.70	...
Money	292.10	413.60	+ 0.40	...
International	414.20	436.00	- 4.70	...
Henderson Active	231.50	243.60	- 2.50	...
Perpetual Active	348.40	366.70	- 2.30	...
Growth Cap	454.10	477.90	+ 0.70	...
-do- Acc	663.10	719.00	+ 0.60	...

LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT ASSURANCE
2 Montpelier Road, Hove, Sussex BN3 1RE
0273 820800

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
8 Ser Ltd Intl	135.10	142.30	...	...
-do-Acc	181.40	191.80	+ 0.20	...
Brit Opps Int	151.30	159.30	- 2.00	...
-do- Acc	183.10	192.80	- 2.40	...
Cash Initial	167.20	176.00	+ 0.10	...
-do- Acc	280.80	295.60	+ 0.20	...
Equity Initial	695.80	732.50	+ 8.70	...
-do- Acc	1160.0	1220.5	+ 14.50	...
Fixed Initial	370.60	390.20	- 0.30	...
-do- Acc	622.20	655.00	- 1.40	...
Index-Linked Gilt	141.50	149.00	- 1.40	...
-do- Acc	203.60	213.30	- 2.00	...
Intl initial	277.40	297.40	- 5.20	...
-do- Acc	624.30	657.20	- 5.70	...
Managed Initial	514.00	541.10	+ 2.40	...
-do- Acc	862.80	908.30	- 3.90	...
Property Initial	201.30	213.70	- 0.60	...
-do- Acc	340.70	358.70	- 0.20	...

LIFE ASSOCIATION OF SCOTLAND
213 Dundee Street, Edinburgh EH3 5EB
031 550 3500

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Managed Fund	371.00	390.60	+ 1.10	...
UK Equity	607.50	639.50	+ 3.60	...
Property	298.10	311.70	- 0.10	...
Money Market	245.60	259.00	- 0.10	...
Fixed Interest	334.60	352.30	+ 0.10	...
Japan	413.10	434.90	- 1.10	...
North America	165.30	174.00	- 0.80	...
International	349.30	336.00	- 0.60	...
European	297.50	313.20	+ 2.50	...
Far East	143.70	151.30	- 2.50	...

LINCOLN NATIONAL
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB
081 902 8876

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity Units	163.04	...	- 0.28	...
Property Units	162.60	...	...	...
Bal Bd Exec Unit	168.02	171.60	- 0.40	...
2nd Equity Acc	663.90	648.90	+ 5.50	...
2nd High Inc Ac	636.10	668.60	+ 2.70	...
2nd Property Acc	246.60	259.60	...	...
2nd Mngd 2 Acc	187.00	196.80	- 0.20	...
2nd Mngd 3 Acc	494.70	520.80	- 0.30	...
2nd Mngd 4 Acc	244.90	262.00	+ 0.50	...
2nd Deposit Acc	274.40	288.80	- 0.20	...
2nd Gilt Acc	318.40	334.90	+ 2.30	...
2nd Amer Acc	727.50	765.70	- 4.50	...
2nd Intl Mngr Acc	214.50	225.80	- 1.30	...
2nd Index Acc	209.50	221.00	+ 1.30	...
2nd Far East Acc	498.70	525.30	-14.40	...
2nd Global Acc	191.90	202.00	- 1.40	...
2nd Euro Acc	170.30	179.70	- 1.60	...
2nd Japan Acc	209.00	220.00	- 2.40	...
2nd Heritage Acc	69.90	73.60	...	...
2nd Int Cr Bd Acc	161.70	170.20	- 2.00	...
2nd Cap Gth Acc	137.00	145.10	- 1.30	...

LONDON LIFE
180 Temple Street, Bristol, BS1 6EA
0272 279791

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Equity	951.00	...	+ 2.20	...
Fixed Interest	341.10	...	+ 2.30	...
Property	336.50	...	+ 0.20	...
Deposit	284.50	...	+ 0.10	...
Managed	364.40	...	+ 0.20	...
Indexed Stock	220.00	...	+ 1.00	...
International	300.90	...	- 1.80	...
Equity A	321.00	...	+ 0.60	...
Fixed Int A	319.50	...	+ 1.00	...
Property A	316.60	...	+ 0.10	...
Deposit A	167.50	...	+ 0.10	...
Managd A	332.20	...	...	...
Index Stock A	317.50	...	+ 0.70	...
International A	319.20	...	- 1.20	...
Equity P	380.50	...	+ 1.50	...
Fixed Int P	298.10	...	+ 2.00	...
Property P	332.00	...	+ 0.60	...
Deposit P	332.00	...	+ 0.30	...
Managd P	374.50	...	+ 0.20	...
Index Stock P	320.20	...	- 0.10	...
International P	333.40	...	- 2.70	...

LONDON & MANCHESTER ASSURANCE
Wimbledon Park, Exeter EX5 1DS. 0392 253456

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Inv Trust Cap	1666.70	...	- 4.30	...
-do- Acc	1107.64	...	- 6.00	...
Property Cap	1140.50	...	...	...
-do- Acc	4228.90	...	...	...
Fxd Interest Cap	2185.70	...	+ 1.00	...
-do- Acc	3339.30	...	+ 1.80	...
Equity Cap	1548.00	...	- 0.50	...
-do- Acc	3

WEEKEND MONEY LETTERS

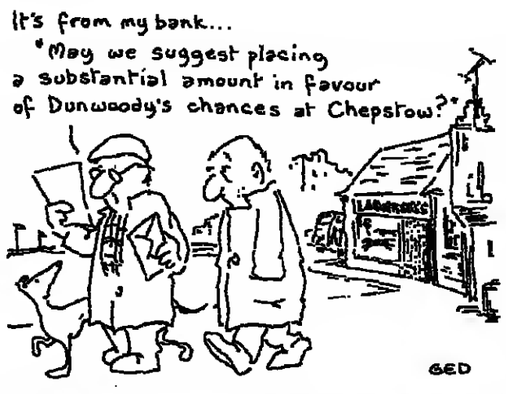
Bank taking too much interest in monitoring cheque payees

From Mr V. Waterhouse

Sir, The customer services manager at my bank writes to say he has noted that I have issued "a substantial cheque" in favour of a building society. He suggests the bank may be able to offer a better home for this sum and that I might care to see a financial adviser.

Should I be glad that the bank appears to have my financial wellbeing at heart or concerned that it is monitoring the names of payees on my cheques? I incline to the latter view. I have always regarded the banking system as a means of passing money to and from my account and I ask for nothing more. I wonder what response I might get if I issued "a substantial cheque" for a frivolous purpose? A reprimand, perhaps?

Yours faithfully,
VINCENT WATERHOUSE,
26 Dumbrells Court,
North End,
Ditchling, W. Sussex.



Individual delivery cannot be guaranteed by special postal services

From L. J. Hunt

Sir, Recently I used the Post Office Guaranteed/Registered Delivery service to send my passport to the visa department of a foreign country.

That visa department specifies use of this expensive service for both submission and return of a passport: it costs about £6.70 inclusive for the return postal journey.

The sender's receipt gives a local call telephone number via which, it claims, the sender may verify that the package has been delivered. However, when I telephoned to check safe delivery, it could only be confirmed that the package had gone out on the post-round.

Eventually, by questioning my local "Customer Care" department (which had failed to telephone back earlier), I discovered that Guaranteed/Registered mail is delivered to large establishments, such as visa departments, in sacks and that only the sack, not the individual package within it, is signed for.

A PO Customer Care person then said to me: "It would take the postman all day if he had to get individual signatures for a sackful of packages."

And why not? The fee has certainly been paid, with no reduction for quantity.

There is no real proof of delivery of your single package — only a sackful alleged to contain yours.

In event of a missing package the PO could blame the recipient for losing it after opening the sack.

I would recommend anyone not to use this service for sending important mail to an organisation of any size, without assurance (if he can get it) of proof of individual delivery.

Yours faithfully,
L. J. HUNT,
7 Riverside,
Southwell,
Nottinghamshire.

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INTEREST RATES ROUNDUP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	0.38	0.38	0.30	1,000	7 day	——
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	3.19	3.19	2.55	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	3.05	3.05	2.44	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	2.53	2.53	2.02	10,000-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	2.81	2.81	2.25	10,000-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	3.14	3.14	2.51	10,000-100,000	1 mth	0742 526555
"	3.23	3.23	2.59	10,000-100,000	3 mth	0742 526555
NatWest	3.19	3.19	2.55	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
"	3.19	3.19	2.55	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland IMIC	2.88	2.93	2.34	2,500‡	none	031-442 77 7
Barclays Prime a/c	1.70	1.70	1.35	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	0.19	0.19	0.15	500‡	none	071 626 6543
Citibank	3.56	3.62	2.90	2,000‡	none	0800 555984
Lloyds HICA	0.38	0.38	0.30	500‡	none	0272 433872
Midland HICA	1.12	1.12	0.90	2,000‡	none	0742 526555
Abbey National HICA	1.19	1.19	0.93	1,000‡	none	Local Branch
Royal Bank of Scot Press A/c	1.13	1.13	0.90	2,000‡	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank Inst Chque Acct	1.50	1.50	1.20	2,000‡	none	071-600 6220
BUILDING SOCIETIES.						
Ordinary Share A/c	0.75	0.70	0.90	50+	none	——
Best buy — largest socs:						
B						
Britannia	4.81	4.81	3.89	2,000 min	Postal	——
Birmingham Mid	4.78	4.78	3.81	10,000 min	Postal	——
Bradford & Bingley	5.14	5.14	4.11	10,000 min	30 day	——
Asset (Bristol&West)	5.48	5.48	4.38	50,000 min	90 day	——
Alliance & Leics	5.48	5.48	4.38	50,000 min	1 year	——
Best buy — all socs:						
Skipton	4.88	4.88	3.90	2,000 min	Postal	——
Northern Rock	5.44	5.44	4.35	50,000 min	30 day	——
The Nottingham	4.80	4.80	3.84	25,000 min	60 day	——
The Scarborough	5.51	5.51	4.41	25,000 min	90 day	——
Nottingham Imp	5.63	5.63	4.50	40,000 min	1 year	——
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NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c*	3.25	2.44	1.95	500-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c*	5.25	3.94	3.15	20-4,99	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	6.50	4.88	3.90	2,000-24,999	3 mth	0253 766151
7th Index Linkd*	3.00	3.00	3.00	100-10,000	8 day	091-386-4900
41th Issue Cert*	5.40	5.40	5.40	100-10,000	8 day	091-386-4900
Yearly Plan†	5.40	5.40	5.40	20-400/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
Children's Bond	7.35	7.35	7.35	25-1,000		
Gen Ed Relief	3.51	3.51	3.51			
Capital Bond*	7.25	5.44	4.35	100-250,000	8 days	041-649-4555
1st Option Bond*	4.50	4.50	3.60	1,000-250,000		
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Consolidated Lf	4.30	4.30	3.86	2,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Prosperity	4.78	4.78	4.06	25,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Financial Ass	5.20	5.20	4.42	50,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Financial Ass	5.65	5.65	4.80	50,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
London & Manc	5.60	5.60	4.76	2,000 min	5 yrs	for details

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RPI (Jan 93-94)	+2.5%
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TESSA	CAR (%)	£3,000 val 1 year on	Transfer penalty	Minimum investment	Telephone number
Holiday & Rug	7.00	£3,228.00	90 day loss	£3,000	0455 251284
Dunfermline	7.55	£3,226.50	1mth notice/loss	£3,000	0383 721621
Progressive	7.50	£3,225.00	£25+1mth notice	£1	0232 244926
National Coal	7.25	£3,217.50	90 day loss	£3,000	0972 742211
Shepshed	7.25	£3,217.50	£25	£1	0509 503302

‡ 2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 of less * Additional holdings up to £20,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates †Tax free *Interest taxable paid gross if higher rates for larger sums *Guaranteed over the rate of inflation * 0.3% net bonus for amounts £20,000+

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MORTGAGES

Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Alliance & Leics. 0273 775454	3.89	to 1m	80	After 3.65% discount for 1 year
Halifax 0422 333333	5.64	100K+	75	Rate after 2% discount for 1 year
Northern Rock 091 285 7191	3.50	to 150K	90	After 4.24% discount to 1.4.95
BANKS				
Bank of Ireland. 0734 393393	4.99	30-145K	75	Rate fixed for 2 years
BANKS				
Bank of Scotland 031 442 7777	5.89	to 100K	60	Rate fixed to 15.2.96

Source: Bay's Mortgagematch. Further info. Bay's Guides 0753 880482

Advantages of repayment

From O.R. Todd

Sir, I was interested in the article on prepayment of fuel bills (Weekend Money, January 29). However, given the building society interest stated, I feel the overall advantage of prepayment has been underestimated. This is because the building society investment has to be made for two full years to secure the £80, whereas the prepayment is, in effect, returned in quarterly instalments over two years. Assuming these bills are all equal (before VAT), at the interest rate indicated (2.63 per cent a year) a deposit of about £1,640 would have to be made in the building society account to cover all eight payments. This gives prepayment an immediate effective advantage of about £141, rather than £111 spread over two years, as suggested by the article. This is based on the average fuel bill of £750 a year, excluding VAT.

Yours faithfully,
O. R. TODD,
The Gables,
3 Main Road,
Biddenham, Bedford.

Nursing grievance

From Mr B. Hill

Sir, To some readers Liz Dolan's article (Weekend Money, February 5) may suggest that *all* nurses in the NHS scheme will have to wait until age 60 to receive their pension. Not true. If a nurse in the NHS scheme who has completed five years' service works up to the age of 55 then she can receive an NHS pension from 55 onwards. However, if she stops working before reaching the age of 55 she cannot receive her pension until reaching age 60. She does not have to retire at 55, she can work on and have a bigger pension by working additional years.

Yours faithfully,
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Brit Fnldnds Inc	80.10	85.20	+ 0.72	3.96
Global Opps	86.53	92.03	+ 0.72	...
Balanced Acc	56.49	60.10	+ 0.37	2.16
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Worldwide Bond	274.60	291.10		
Capital Growth				
American Growth	315.40	337.30	- 2.30	.94
Asian Pacific	374.50	400.60	-26.20	...
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UK Growth Dist	152.70	162.40	+ 1.00	1.83
US Emerging Cos	148.30	157.70	- 1.90	...
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ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
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European Income	104.50	111.10P	- 0.30	1.89
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Fixed Interest	27.15	28.90	+ 0.05	6.36
Fund Inv Tst	189.20	201.90	+ 1.10	0.84
Japan	203.10	216.30	+ 1.10	...
Latin American	88.50	94.10	+ 0.60	0.53
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Property Share	79.65	85.03	+ 1.25	1.54
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British Growth	75.76	80.60	+ 0.17	2.17
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Capital	452.10	483.20	+ 1.20	1.60
Balanced	743.50	794.80	+ 2.10	2.28
Accumulator	1322.0	1413.0	...	2.71
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American Income	50.10	53.55†	+ 0.70	3.12
High Income	448.70	479.60	...	3.27
Equity Income	252.40	269.80†	+ 0.30	3.34
High Yield	276.40	295.40	- 0.20	3.18
Govt Securities	35.43	37.38	+ 0.04	4.87
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Amer Spec Sits	139.00	148.50	+ 0.30	0.24
European Growth	35.73	38.02	+ 0.50	0.42
International	168.80	180.40†	+ 2.20	0.32
Japan	221.80	236.50†	- 1.90	0.01
Pacific	445.90	476.50	-10.40	0.16
Secs of America	442.30	470.60†	- 3.00	0.59
Wwide Asset Val	49.82	53.25	- 0.61	0.02
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	565.80	604.80	- 3.10	2.07
Cons & Gilt	51.25	54.78†	+ 0.07	3.54
Smaller Cos	191.40	204.60†	- 0.40	1.14
2nd Smaller Cos	183.20	195.80	+ 0.40	1.12
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Conv & Gen	68.85	73.48†	+ 0.33	4.74
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Europe	241.40	256.50	+ 2.50	0.44
Earn Smlr Cos	107.90	114.60	+ 1.50	0.83
Income Gwth	382.50	408.20	+ 5.60	2.74
Japan	339.80	361.40	+ 0.40	...
Pacific	110.90	127.50	- 5.20	0.63
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Income	574.60	630.10†	+ 2.70	3.52
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Recovery	451.60	483.90	+ 4.70	1.95
Smlr Cos Inc	46.94	50.38	+ 0.08	1.67
Special Sits	309.20	330.70	- 2.20	1.36
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
Americas	130.70	147.20	- 2.10	0.14
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UK Growth Tst	27.75	29.67	- 0.35	2.54
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	26.73	28.58	+ 0.31	0.37
European Acc	27.72	29.64	+ 0.32	0.37
Financial	163.70	175.00	- 1.10	2.32
Foundation	97.71	104.50	..	3.44
German	50.67	54.10	+ 1.11	0.07
High Income	83.08	88.85	+ 0.49	4.96
Income	144.70	154.70	+ 0.60	3.56
Intl Growth	39.57	42.32	- 0.12	0.15
Mngd Pfolio Inc	110.30	117.90†	- 1.50	1.57
Mngd Pfolio Acc	211.00	225.60†	- 2.00	1.57
Monthly Income	88.37	94.21	- 0.49	3.41
North American	110.70	118.30	- 4.90	0.15
Orient	156.10	166.90	- 5.80	..
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH				
071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	85.39	91.26	- 0.19	2.11
American Portfolio	92.73	98.95	- 0.45	1.00
European Portfolio	99.76	106.33	+ 2.80	0.97
Japanese Portfolio	71.18	75.88	- 0.94	..
Pacific Portfolio	153.14	164.67	- 3.68	0.69
UK Inc & Growth	79.62	84.14	+ 0.35	3.48
Utility & Bond	88.70	93.41	+ 0.16	5.85
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5080				
UK General Tst	68.24	72.59	+ 0.85	2.76
Global Tst	..	..	..	..
Recovery Tst	..	..	..	..
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD				
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD				
071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	149.71	162.31	- 3.90	...
UK Growth	115.33	124.52	- 2.24	...
UK Income	110.53	120.13	- 1.75	3.61
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1				
071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	91.29	98.39	- 0.38	1.73
Bock Mkt-Tech	40.05	43.24	- 0.65	..
Acorn Ethical Tst	173.19	182.31	- 1.42	1.16
City Fin Assets	96.16	80.17	- 1.23	1.53
City Fin America	93.82	88.13	+ 0.51	...
City Fin Intl	93.84	88.25	+ 0.93	0.45
City Fin Japan	178.26	187.64	- 5.90	..
Friars Hse Cap	291.75	308.77†	- 4.82	2.16
Friars Hse Inc	212.61	226.18	- 0.70	4.64
Buckley Wrld Grth	147.13	156.76	- 2.10	0.64
Fairmnt Cap Gth	152.03	160.02	- 1.57	
do Inc & Gth	134.79	170.83	- 0.99	1.51
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144				
Emerging Markets	62.61	66.41	- 0.46	..
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS1 6JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	60.78	65.90	+ 0.35	..
Atlas Mngd Gwth	39.39	41.35	- 0.39	..
Dragon Growth	76.84	82.19	- 3.79	0.37
Equity High Inc	88.92	95.46	+ 1.16	3.11
European Gwth	51.26	54.53	+ 0.94	0.64
Evergreen	32.18	34.42	- 0.36	..
General Equity	90.91	96.46	+ 1.35	1.94
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	27.40	28.80	+ 0.04	7.17
Japan Growth	51.10	55.13	- 0.79	..
Pedigree Gwth	53.94	57.44	+ 0.38	1.87
Ped Sm Cos Inc	34.66	36.87	+ 0.04	0.57
Retirement Inc	28.37	30.51	+ 0.31	4.71
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD				
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY				
0634 896 000				
Capital	67.69	72.40	+ 0.78	2.65
Income	63.74	68.17	+ 0.77	3.65
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park,				
Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	180.40	191.01	- 2.38	4.61
Fixed & Convertible	47.63	50.67	+ 0.20	5.60
Monthly Inc Plus	54.68	58.17	+ 0.02	7.70
Preference Share	53.72	57.19	- 0.14	6.65
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	143.22	152.36†	- 2.96	5.39
Managed Fund	71.98	76.57	+ 0.25	2.63
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	46.37	49.53	+ 0.34	1.72
UK & General	83.23	88.54	+ 1.28	2.45
UK Growth	145.01	155.22	- 2.05	1.57
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	194.48	206.89	- 4.05	..
Far Eastern Grth	146.60	155.96	- 4.60	0.27
Global Bond	88.94	94.51	- 0.51	3.66
Japan Growth	127.33	135.46	- 2.67	...
North Amer Grth	164.81	175.35	- 2.12	
Oriental Growth	89.40	95.11	- 3.05	...
Worldwide Growth	67.50	71.81	- 0.11	0.23
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD				
Lymon Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN				
0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	61.28	65.19†	+ 0.47	2.50
High Income	35.94	38.23	+ 0.22	4.50
Japan	37.18	39.55	- 0.37	...
Smaller Cos Inc	34.27	36.45	+ 0.16	2.23
Smaller Cos	35.66	37.93	+ 0.17	2.20
North American	23.71	25.86	- 0.83	0.60
European	38.66	41.12	+ 0.75	0.50
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX				
071 407 5966				
Consistent LT	53.14	39.57	- 0.13	4.16
CDOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358				
Growth	156.40	166.40	+ 2.10	1.54
Income	79.05	84.10†	+ 0.25	4.07
European	62.90	66.92	+ 1.24	0.61
Recovery	146.90	156.30	+ 3.90	1.42
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
75-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	861.20	875.20	+25.30	3.46
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex				
0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	76.87	81.78	+ 1.06	1.74
Income	253.90	270.20	+ 1.40	4.16
Smaller Cos	163.50	173.50	- 0.10	1.17
Inv Portfolio	82.26	87.52†	+ 0.88	1.37
High Income Pfol	72.03	76.63	+ 0.41	4.40
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
156 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS				
071 430 0177				
Euro Small Cos	1548.1	1582.6	+ 8.60	...
Japan Small Cos	1266.1	1290.8	- 6.60	...
UK Small Cos	1940.0	2019.1†	- 3.10	...
US Small Cos	1710.8	1756.9	-16.10	..
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL				
071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	205.90	216.40		2.57
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
25, Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	270.40	285.70	- 7.00	1.05
New Asia	242.30	259.00	+11.00	0.30
Japan Growth	130.20	138.50	+ 1.00	
Jap Smlr Co	540.60	574.30	+ 6.10	..
Nth Amer	257.90	273.30	+ 1.60	0.89
Shlfrd Asia Pac Wt	134.00	141.90	+ 6.70	0.44
UK Inc & Grth	231.40	246.90	+ 2.60	3.28
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	149.70	159.30	+ 1.40	1.64
UK High Inc Inc	166.60	177.20	+ 1.50	4.50
UK Pref & Fl Inc	63.47	67.29	+ 0.03	4.66
Environmnt Opps	87.18	92.74	+ 1.36	1.31
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
37 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh				
0345 090 526				
American	114.90	121.20	- 0.90	0.15
Convertibles	25.87	27.43	+ 0.06	6.01
Equity Income	143.00	151.90	+ 1.40	3.29
Euro Fund	46.66	49.34†	+ 0.78	0.81
Financial	57.99	57.36	+ 0.95	1.49
Growth & Inc	251.90	267.60†	+ 2.90	2.90
High Dist	177.50	188.10	+ 1.30	3.99
International	414.60	440.90	+ 4.50	0.23
Income	90.20	95.10†	+ 0.60	4.59
Latin American	58.32	61.97	- 0.39	0.39
Pacific	91.73	97.46	- 3.24	..
Tokyo	231.40	245.60	+ 1.60	
UK Smaller Cos	155.56	271.50	+ 1.40	0.87
ELCON LTD				
Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA				
0689 70555				
Elcon Trust	223.90	244.50	- 5.70	..
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JL				
071 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	216.10	229.90	- 2.90	0.37
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Widmos St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN				
0296 431 450				
European	81.96	85.99	+ 1.34	1.51
Far Eastern	330.80	349.21	+ 9.10	1.23
High Income	143.44	150.94	+ 0.37	4.08
Intl Growth	170.26	179.14	- 0.50	0.87
North American	122.71	129.17	+ 0.15	1.50
Pelican	127.89	132.21	+ 0.20	1.69
Smaller Cos	81.12	85.42	+ 0.89	1.67
Special Sits	99.19	104.41	+ 0.27	2.05
Tst of Inv Tsts	197.91	208.28†	- 0.59	1.70
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1				
071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	131.09	140.71	- 1.91	1.50
Smaller Cos Acc	400.02	416.74	- 3.33	1.50
Recovery	61.10	64.27	+ 0.27	1.77
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB				
0392 412 144				
Balanced	117.00	114.27	- 1.43	4.62
Capital Growth	96.92	93.25	- 0.44	
Fixed Inv Tsts	48.28	51.89†	+ 0.22	0.25
High Income	49.65	52.96†	+ 0.19	8.36
Warrant	66.97	72.80	+ 1.62	
Zero Preference	37.61	39.91	- 0.09	
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	79.34	84.40†	- 1.30	1.68
Family Income Tst	53.12	56.50†	- 1.43	5.96
Family Trust	96.36	102.50†	- 5.87	1.06
United Charities	267.90	284.90	- 4.40	2.80
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ				
Calltrees Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181				
Cash Funds				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	..	4.30
Stabilised Growth Funds				
Controlled Risk Tst	1.179	26.69	- 0.06	2.99
do Europe	31.42	28.97	- 0.34	4.76
do Amr Fund	23.44	25.10	- 0.37	0.77
do Acc Japan	27.61	27.00	- 0.30	0.55
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fixd Int	31.35	31.77	+ 0.07	0.01
Intl Bond	32.14	33.59	- 0.52	4.76
Income Funds				
High Income	27.95	31.57	+ 0.05	4.47
Income Plus	125.40	129.90	+ 1.10	1.51
Amer Eq Inc	49.19	51.90†	+ 0.07	1.94
European Income	46.34	49.26†	+ 0.48	2.12
Far East Inc	62.75	71.64	+ 0.21	1.07
Global Convertible	29.10	27.85	+ 0.11	1.90
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	64.03	69.26	- 1.74	..
American	244.33	259.00	+ 1.40	
Amer Spec Sits	164.40	122.50	- 1.22	
Japan Smaller Cos	43.11	45.99	+ 0.06	
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management Ltd				
12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990				
8 Intl Inc	608.81	647.62	- 4.55	0.09
European Inc	147.82	157.28	- 2.24	..
Amalgam Inc	158.97	165.15	- 2.02	..
N America Inc	544.93	566.95	- 0.96	..
Far East Inc	365.63	388.97	+ 1.27	0.20
UK Divid Inc	180.59	192.12	- 5.37	..
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane,				
London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7088				
UK Equity Inc	92.35	97.19	+ 0.39	4.02
UK Small Cos	56.59	60.52	+ 0.09	1.10
British Growth	61.07	64.33	+ 0.19	2.74
American Gwth	170.56	182.42†	- 2.36	
Japan Gwth	87.

Falls accelerate at close

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began February 14. Dealings end February 25. §Contango day February 28: Settlement day March 7. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
324	245	Abbey Nat	313	- 6	11.8	3.9	19.8
314	178	Allied Irish	280	- 1	...	3.7	14.3
279½	130	Ass New 2	263½	- 3½	...	3.5	20.7
380½	271½	Bankamerica	288½	-3⅞	...	...	...
319	177	Bk of Ireland	283	- 2	...	4.4	29.9
450	325	Bk Lagmi UK	450	...	20.0	5.8	∞
249	116½	Bank Scotland	226	- 2	4.6	2.5	20.7
652	362	Barclays	577	- 8	...	2.7	...
22	8	Carlisle	31¼†	+ 2½	...	...	...
655	395	Cater Allen	644	- 9	28.0	3.4	...
180	88	Castles	163	...	...	3.5	21.6
2487½	1543½	Chase Manh	2300	...	...	...	...
2912½	1343½	Citicorp	2742½	-13½	...	...	...
589	250	Close Bros	525	-10	...	2.5	19.1
1153½	917½	Commerzbk	£140	-40½	...	3.7	...
£348½	£252½	Deutsche Bk	£324½	-38½	...	1.9	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	88 †	- 1	...	2.1	...
1651	896	Fuji Bank Y	1400½	-16½	...	0.4	...
320	243	Gerrard Nat	498	- 5	21.5	2.4	12.3
1113	490	HSBC	990	-29	20.0	2.5	23.7
1133	674	HSBC HK	1012	-28	20.0	2.5	24.2
473	343	Hambros	418	-14	14.3	4.3	19.2
443	313	Joseph (L)	438	...	16.7	4.8	...
170	95	King Shaxson	165	...	9.0	6.8	...
693	313	Kleinwort Ben	614	-18	18.5	2.8	∞
690	492	Lloyds	597 †	- 5	...	4.6	12.8
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	114 †	...	2.4	2.7	18.3
620½	322	Nat Aust Bk	580	- 3½	...	4.1	14.1
634	398	Nat West	539	-12	17.8	4.1	12.7
573	280	Provident	536	- 3	12.4	3.0	22.7
67	39	Rea Bros	65	...	0.8	1.0	70.8
528	301	Ryl Bk Scot	484 †	- 9	...	2.5	21.9
1460	497½	Schroders	1333	-13	...	1.1	26.6
1437	576	Stand Chart	1302	+17	20.5	3.9	...
281	145½	TSB	247 †	- 3	...	3.9	10.3
206	78	Union Disc	205	...	3.0	1.9	∞
1012	529	Warburg SG	919	-20	...	2.7	13.4
926½	484½	Wells Fargo	900½	+12½	...	3.0	...
260	121	Westpac	244	- 5	...	3.5	∞
390	188	Wintrust	383	...	...	3.5	63.9

BREWERIES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
697	517	Allied-Lyons	620 †	- 7	...	4.3	17.2
647	441	Bass	519	+ 1	...	4.8	13.5
299	169	Boddington	275	- 4	7.5	2.4	16.0
392	362	Brakner (HP)	454 †	- 2	...	2.9	18.2
193	129	Burnmill Brw	174 †	...	4.7	2.4	14.4
181	73	Eldridge P 'A'a	166	...	...	2.7	23.0
75	48	Fosters brewing	62¼	...	...	4.6	73.8
492	338	Fuller Jon 'A'a	490	...	7.5	1.9	20.6
306	273	Grand Met	458 †	- 4	...	3.9	15.4
511	347	Greenalls Grp	455 †	- 5	...	2.4	15.7
584	305	Greene King	547	...	...	2.8	13.5
542	388	Guinness	521	-11	...	2.9	19.5
80	31	Halkin Hldgs	71 †	...	...	...	55.4
281	230	Hardy Hansn	281 †	...	...	4.1	14.8
150	105	Heavitree	150 †	...	3.6	3.0	∞
457	285	Highland Dist	420	- 4	...	3.0	20.9
3225	2538	Hoir 3	3163½	-12	42.0	1.7	20.6
196	118	Macallan-Glen	146 †	- 3	4.3	2.9	33.3
465	365	Macdn Mann 'A'	445	...	...	3.5	21.2
246	164	Mansfield	216	...	...	2.3	13.5
302	231	Morlan Thmp	296	...	...	3.5	16.5
395	298½	Matthew Clark	339	...	...	4.1	31.6
380	210	Mrydwn W	313	...	7.8	4.1	19.0
580	455	Morland	513	...	...	2.4	17.6
12	6½	Paramount a	10½	...	...	1.8	12.8
267	165	Regent Inns	267	...	...	2.1	27.1
1520½	753½	SA Breweries	1296½	- 3½	...	3.5	21.0
591	393	Scot & Newc	527½	- 4½	...	4.0	18.1
225	155½	Taunton Cider	169	- 2	6.2	4.6	13.2
300	213	Vaux Group	285	- 3	...	4.2	16.5
420	225	Wetherspoon JD	394	- 1	...	1.7	20.6
637	435	Whitbread	549	-14	...	4.1	13.1
613	463	Wolverhmpn D	334	-10	...	2.9	13.0
528	475	Young 'A'	528	...	14.7	3.5	21.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	73	Abbey	195	-10	...	1.3	32.0
27	12	Allrightstone A	25	...	...	0.5	...
289	26	Allen a	187	+ 1	...	3.5	44.6
160	65	Amec	103	- 4	3.0	3.5	38.3
19½	4	Anglia Sec	12 ff	...	...	...	...
481	150	Ashtead a	451	+30	...	1.3	47.7
165	101	Arwoods	163	- 1	...	3.8	...
363	180	BPB Ind	344	- 6	...	2.8	41.2
127	57	Baggeridge Brk	124	...	...	3.5	37.3
41	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	39	...	0.6	1.5	...
108	68	Barcon	82	+ 1	...	4.6	9.8
59	32½	Barkem	59	+ 2	3.0	4.3	29.1
292	94	Barratt Devs	282	+ 4	...	1.6	30.3
304	152½	Beltway	283	...	...	2.7	20.6
67	39	Bett Bros	66	...	0.8	1.0	70.8
528	301	Byl Bk Scot	484 †	- 9	...	2.5	21.9
1460	497½	Schroders	1333	-13	...	1.1	26.6
1437	576	Stand Chart	1302	+17	20.5	3.9	...
281	145½	TSB	247 †	- 3	...	3.9	10.3
206	78	Union Disc	205	...	3.0	1.9	∞
1012	529	Warburg SG	919	-20	...	2.7	13.4
926½	484½	Wells Fargo	900½	+12½	...	3.0	...
260	121	Westpac	244	- 5	...	3.5	∞
390	188	Wintrust	383	...	...	3.5	63.9

BREWERIES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
303	172	Potvair	283	...	3.5	1.8	51.3
70	35	Sykes(B Speak	65	...	...	...	...
490	412	Wardle Storeys	484	...	...	4.5	22.4
652	395	Whitbread 'A'	625	...	17.0	2.4	31.4
483	330	Yorks Chem	480	- 1	...	3.9	25.7
312	233	Yule Catto	307	...	...	2.4	19.1
869	591	Zeneca	785	-12	...	4.4	46.4

DRAPERY, STORES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alcom	90	...	...	4.9	...
246	173	Allders	233	...	...	3.5	17.4
410	257	Argos Plc	366½	- 2½	...	2.4	31.3
25	8	Ashley Group	9½	...	...	2.5	...
115	69	Ashley (Laura)	100	...	8.1	8.1	...
357	278	Argyll	341	...	5.2	1.9	22.0
199	94	Austin Reed	194	...	...	1.6	...
163	125	Bentalls (I) 'A'	165	...	...	4.6	10.8
181	94	Bentalls	142	...	1.8	1.8	...
278	125	Berkeley	157	- 2	...	1.7	18.8
47	22	Blacks Leis	41	...	3.5	6.9	...
261½	133	Body Shop	249	...	...	0.9	32.1
165	9	Brown & Jackson	9½	...	...	1.0	5.0
491	318	Brown (N)	490	...	...	1.9	28.8
87½	57½	Burton	57½	- ½	...	4.7	79.5
245	126	Clinton	226	...	...	2.1	22.7
520	295	Church	445	...	12.5	3.5	39.6
163	87	Clinton Cards	161	...	4.3	3.4	16.4
287	212	Coats Viyella	268	- 2	...	2.5	37.0
128	78	Colourvision a	91 †	...	2.6	7.7	16.3
181	154	City Casuals	166	...	...	3.1	15.4
935	394	Courts Furnish	875	...	3.0	0.8	11.0
180	115	Crown Eye a	180	...	7.5	5.2	13.5
133	69	Dalry Farm Ind	118½	- 2½	...	3.1	17.4
109½	51½	Dewhirst (I)	109	...	0.5	0.9	38.0
293	189	Dixons Grp	211 †	...	...	3.7	...
21	8	ERA Gp	10	- 1	...	...	...
540	400	Epa (Wimbldn)	500	...	16.0	3.5	19.9
274	71	Estee Furn	274	...	...	1.6	43.8
223	200	Etam	220	...	7.0	3.5	22.9
608	496	Fine Art Dev	517	...	13.0	3.3	16.8
90	28	Fred Earth 'Ord'	49	...	...	...	...
713	498	Forminster	710	...	14.5	2.6	12.9
195	24	French Conn a	140	...	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	66	...	...	4.0	20.5
100	23	Goldsmiths Gp	87	+ 1	8.3	0.4	...
458	334	GUS	434 †	+12	...	2.3	19.3
46	21	Hampden Grp a	25	...	...	3.9	12.4
277	26	Harrisons	74	- 1	...	...	...
63½	26	Helene Plc	29½	...	3.0	6.5	13.9
110	20	Heritage	92	...	...	...	...
97	35	Homegrounds	86	...	...	2.3	13.6
193	125	Houses Vert	193	...	...	3.5	14.4
783	496	Kingfisher	624	- 2	...	2.8	21.5
85	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	65	- 1	4.0	6.0	∞
695	495	Liberty	545	...	7.2	1.7	63.9
380	241	Lloyds Chem	380	- 9	...	2.9	12.5
184	120	MFI	174½	- 2½	...	2.7	79.3
461½	311	Marks Spencer	434	...	...	2.4	22.2
683	478	Menzies (John)	672	+ 3	...	1.1	17.4
288	125	Moss Bros	227	...	3.5	2.4	33.7
251	139½	Next	334	- 1	3.5	3.0	26.7
46	15	Other (G)	46	...	...	...	...
336	197	Oriflame Ind	300	...	...	4.1	14.8
63	24	Pentos	39	+ 1½	0.5	2.6	8.1
212	185	QS Hldgs	208	...	5.1	2.4	19.1
69½	30½	Rhino Grps	41	...	...	...	...
208	120	Rosebys	204	...	...	3.0	24.5
181	135	Sherwood Gp	178	...	...	3.9	15.6
132	93	Sears	119	- 3	...	3.7	47.9
41½	11	Signet Group	36½	- ½	...	...	...
545	400	Smith WH 'A'	494 †	...	...	3.9	15.9
172	63	Sly B	116½†	...	...	3.5	18.8
252	4½	Specialcyte a	13	...	...	...	...
252	126	Sunrelease	237	...	...	2.6	20.4
180	146	T & S Stores	180	...	6.0	4.3	13.4
173	71	Tie Rack	159	- 1	1.0	0.6	26.0
260	160	Time Products	247	...	7.7	3.5	22.2
131	63	Usher (Frankie)	124	- 1	6.0	6.0	837
465	302	Vendome	434	- 5	...	1.8	20.2
37	25	Vinten	37	...	1.0	2.4	11.5
97	43	WSW Group	90	...	...	2.2	13.8
49	34	Wensum a	46	...	1.8	4.9	...
129	76	Wickes	121	...	1.0	1.0	∞
69	46	Wid of Leathers a	69	...	...	...	...
195	143	Wyevale	190	...	...	2.8	25.1
4	2	Zera-stains a	2	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
127	134	ACT Group	183	...	...	2.4	18.4
275	223	Anite	265	...	...	3.0	19.1
493	385	Admiral	492	...	5.7	1.4	20.8
188	104	Alba	186	...	...	3.5	21.0
50	19½	Alphameric	30	...	...	...	...
55	22	Amstrad	36½	...	...	1.7	...
28	9½	App Holos	9½	+ 1	...	...	...
43	9½	Arlen	36	...	...	...	...
94½	35½	Assec	94½	...	...	0.3	...
271	230	Aztec	266	...	...	1.4	31.7
293	224	Beales Hunter	277 †	...	...	4.3	17.1
9	2	Bejmen & Found	3½	...	...	...	...
430	318	BICC	458	- 2	19.2	4.3	...
558	408	Blick	530	...	...	2.4	19.3
1700	925	Borland a	937½	...	...	...	...
304	270	Bowthorpe	362	- 2	...	2.4	24.0
469½	376	BT	449	+ 5½	...	4.8	21.7
372½	310	BT 2½	331	- 4	...	4.5	23.3
20	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17	...	0.1	0.7	...
160	48	Burnfield	73	+ 1	5.7	9.8	11.5
545	334½	Cable Wireless	460 ff	- 13	...	3.0	24.5
61	11½	Chloride	32½	- ½	...	...	...
226	229	CML Microsys	220	...	4.7	3.5	19.6
137	74	Compir People	135	...	...	...	...
202	106½	Cray Elect	195¼	- 1	...	1.1	19.0
447	243	Crichley	443	+ 1	...	1.4	25.5
560	414	Delta	549	+ 1	...	3.3	23.4
580	205	Dennison Elec	578 †	...	...	1.4	18.6
620	395	Domino	508 †	- 3	7.9	2.0	∞
77	48	Dowding Mills	73	...	...	4.3	31.2
1635	865	Dr Neck	1633 †	...	10.3	0.8	32.8
589	358	Electrocomponents	530	+14	...	2.0	20.3
710	470	El Data Prc	575	...	...	1.2	16.3
175	43	Electroj House	163 †	+ 1	...	2.1	23.4
35	10½	Ethress	31½	- ½	0.4	1.0	...
774	447	Eurotherm	749 †	...	1.6	2.5	25.5
211	108	FKI	199½	+ ½	...	3.1	28.6
656	340	Farnell Elect	591	- 6	...	1.4	31.3
91	33	Feedback a	64½	...	...	3.9	5.7
336	101	First Tech	325 †	...	...	0.8	27.1
270	48	Forward Gps	235	...	4.0	2.1	16.6
225	137½	Forward Tech	18	...	...	...	...
369½	264	GEC	339 †	- 8	10.4	3.8	16.9
199	132	Grasby	184	- 1	...	7.4	38.7
14½	7½	Graystone	13½	...	...	...	...
52	35	Hillcrest a	42	...	0.3	1.8	...
193	118	Ind Control	181	...	...	3.0	18.2
388	320	Jones Stroud	369 †	...	...	3.0	14.8
126	26	Kalamazoo	125	...	2.7	2.7	29.0
19	8	Kembrey	14	...	0.1	1.4	...
396	260	Kenwood App	389 †	+ 1	...	2.5	21.8
298	47	Kewill Syst	294	- 1	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	143	...	6.0	5.2	17.0
80	19	Lasry-Scots	28	...	...	...	...
365	132	LBMS a	144	...	0.7	0.7	20.3
300	205	Lec Refrig	293	...	9.0	3.0	...
179	129	Life Sciences	156	...	3.7	3.9	16.9
314	104	Logica	307	...	...	1.6	35.4
68	44	LPA Inds	47 †	...	...	0.3	...
224	162	MR Data Mngmt	212	- 2	...	3.1	19.9
723	523	Marp a	715	...	...	3.1	21.7
281	179	Mentor-Swa	232	...	...	3.1	20.1
903½	903	Micro Focus	1008	+ 5	...	9.3	...
227	144	Microgen	168 †	...	7.2	2.4	∞
38	23½	Microvitec	36	...	...	...	...
559	357	Misys	553 †	...	...	1.7	20.3
584	95	Mitel	405	+ 7	...	...	...
107	108	MMT Comput	16	...	...	3.1	21.9
52	16	Molynx	25	...	1.3	7.1	...
272	202	MTL Instr	265	...	3.7	1.7	20.0
168	103	Multimic Elect	141	...	2.5	1.8	25.0
145	58	Murray Ent	141 †	...	1.8	∞	...
320½	251½	NYMEX	251½	-25	...	...	...
188	121	Neotronics	121 †	...	2.7	21.1	...
68	43	Newmark (L)	55	...	...	...	...
344	58	Norbaine	344	+ 6	...	0.5	26.5
75	20	Northamber	61	...	0.6	1.2	...
19½	5	Oceonics	8	...	...	...	...
358	195	Oxford Inst	356	- 1	4.0	1.6	24.5
87	25	P & P	85	...	2.0	3.1	∞
95	50	Peek	95	...	3.4	4.4	25.1
235	115	Pegasus	230	...	...	3.5	59.0
1,090½	900	Philips Fn 4%	£100½	...	...	3.5	...
187½	125	-do- Amp inv	£66½	-19½	...	...	...
422	231	Pneumatrics	422	+ 5	...	...	...
230	171½	Pilco	200	...	...	1.6	27.7
320	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	320	...	...	1.6	28.8
96	63	Plasmec a	28	...	3.9	3.4	5.7
121	76	Pressac	130	...	...	2.7	23.4
261	81	Psion a	252	+ 4	2.5	1.2	66.9
261	147	Racal Elect	225	+ 3	4.2	2.4	12.4
30	13	Radamec	26	...	...	1.9	10.3
38	24	Radius a	35	...	2.2	3.0	12.1
531	301	Real Time a	109	+ 1	...	3.4	22.4
639	367	Sage Gp	566 †	+ 3	...	2.2	17.3
350	222	Sanderson Elec	350	...	4.9	1.4	14.9
89	49	Scantronic	87	...	3.1	3.6	23.8
210	117	Scholes Grp	208	...	...	3.0	26.9
375	270	Sema Gp	361	...	2.9	1.0	38.3
275	235	Sensyne	265	...	5.9	3.5	20.0
49	26	Silverstone	45	...	...	2.8	...
94	37	Soundtracks	87	...	2.4	3.5	∞
272½	173½	TDK	269½	...	...	1.2	30.3
27	4½	TOS Circuits a	15	...	...	...	...
190	95	Telesciences	139	- 3	0.6	4.7	20.9
292	178	Telspec	281	- 2	...	1.1	20.3
1153	809	THORN Emi	1129 †	- 1	...	3.5	26.2
168	98	Thorpe FW	165	...	...	3.9	19.2
103	23	Total Systems a	35	...	1.5	3.4	6.2
303	186	Tunstall	298	...	...	1.5	∞
326	164	Unitech	313	- 3	...	3.5	52.9
16	6	Verity	14	...	...	...	...
35	20	Vistech	29	...	0.7	1.6	17.1
367	302	Vodafone	324	- 7	...	1.5	27.1
683	368	Volex	472	...	18.1	4.4	19.4
5½	11	Western Selectn	23 †	...	0.2	1.4	...
315	223	Wholesale Figs	311	+1	11.7	4.8	33.7

ELECTRICITY

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
717	389	East Midlands	656 †	-15	...	3.0	11.6
725½	399	Eastern Elect	679 †	-14	...	3.7	12.9
480½	304	Hydro-Elect	431 †	- 3½	...	3.4	13.5
723½	404	London Elect	663	-17	...	4.0	13.5
850	458	Manweb	775 †	-12	...	3.5	9.7
767	434½	Midlands Elec	669 †	-16	...	4.6	10.6
510	273	National Power	502	+ 3	...	2.6	12.4
801	440	Northern Elec	716 †	-14	...	3.9	9.3
301	100	Nthn Ireland	295½†	- 4½	...	3.0	13.9
806	439	Norweb	726 †	-19	20.8	2.8	10.4
581	273	PowerGen	570 †	+ 5	...	2.4	15.2
487	285	Scottish Power	445 †	- 3	...	3.2	16.5
439	219	Seeboard	372 †	- 5	...	3.5	11.6
825	469	Sth Wales	740 †	-15	...	3.9	11.3
743	426	Sth Western	675 †	-11	...	3.9	10.6
745½	416	Southern Elec	674 †	-12	...	3.5	8.9
729½	455	Yorkshire Elec	654 †	-13	...	4.1	13.5

FINANCE, LAND

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	95	Abbey Home	63	...	1.0	2.4	11.2
165	47	BWD a	155½	- 1½	2.4	2.7	24.3
118	36	Bdlte Plc	108	...	...	1.2	...
253	413	Cardinals	735	...	...	3.9	27.5
202½	107½	Cynwilla	202½	...	...	1.9	7.6
363	243	Cardover	350	...	10.4	3.7	...

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
255½	148½	Amer Express	201½	-3½	...	...	...
1208	835	Henderson Ad	1155	- 5	...	4.5	26.6
251½	92	Investo	224	- 3	...	1.7	...
317	104	Jardine Strat	285½	-13	...	2.8	11.9
221	154	MAI	209	+ 1	...	2.9	18.7
770	399	MAM	712	+ 1	16.0	2.8	17.8
1243	653	M & G	1174	- 4	...	2.7	24.6
496	169	Smith New Ct	465 †	- 1	...	1.9	4.6
81	45	Trio Hldgs	63 †	- 1	3.5	3.0	∞

FOODS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
587	486	AB Food	552 †	- 2	...	3.4	11.4
77½	46½	ASDA Group	69½	- 1½	1.6	3.7	...
368	170	Assnd & Brdsch	366	...	...	3.5	13.5
50	55	Albert Fisher	68	...	...	6.9	15.1
247	240	Argyll	256½	- 6½	...	3.0	9.3
270	160	Banks (J G)	260 †	...	9.0	4.5	9.9
402	300	Barr (AG)	340 †	...	6.5	2.4	∞
85	59	Bemrose Corpn	64	+ 2	...	5.2	13.5
481	357	Booker	448	- 2	...	6.1	38.8
52	35	Bortlewick	49	...	...	3.1	60.9
505	430	Brake Bros	489	...	0.3	1.6	20.4
51	37	Budgen	41	...	...	4.8	12.4
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	534	- 4	...	3.5	18.5
222	78	Ceres Milling	185	...	...	2.0	13.8
133	63	Chesswick	148	...	0.3	1.0	...
22	8½	Chilbrew	16½	...	0.5	3.2	47.4
384	126	Dalepak	120 †	...	5.2	3.5	20.0
543	424	Dalgety	485 †	+ 1	...	2.4	13.9
61	26	Daniels B	51	...	0.5	...	...
204	191	Devro	200	- 5	...	3.5	28.6
134	94	Everest	94	...	4.5	7.1	...
391	289	Fergusn	384 †	...	3.9	1.9	23.6
10	3	Farringford	8	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	77	...	...	8.7	25.6
120	78	Fyffes	160 †	...	...	2.9	10.7
483	259	Geest	283	- 2	8.1	3.9	12.7
20½	7	Global a	15	...	0.8	3.5	28.0
68	43	Grand Central	51	...	0.8	1.7	...
205	139	Hazlewood Ftr	159	- 1	...	3.1	10.4
190½	121	Hillsdown	180	- 3	6.8	8.1	14.1
250	146	Ireland Group	166	- 2	...	3.0	10.3
131	80	JL Group	108	...	...	2.4	12.0
593	543	K Shoes 4%	560	...	...	3.5	10.7
262	144	Low (Wm)	172	...	...	9.1	6.0
98	41	Matthews (B)	95	+ 3	2.3	3.9	64.2
19½	11	Merchant Retail	16 †	...	0.9	7.4	30.5
174	94	Morrison (W)	167	...	...	1.6	13.9
246	177	Nichols (JN)	246	...	5.5	3.5	17.8
291	209½	Nthn Foods	227 †	- 1	...	4.7	11.1
20½	8	Nthmbrn Fds a	12	...	...	...	...
230	172	Norvin Fresk	219	...	...	3.9	12.1
310	265	Park Foods	310 †	+ 4	...	3.0	23.9
115	58	Perkins Food	77	...	...	7.2	8.8
134	47	PizzaExpress	134

هكذا من الاصل

PETER LOMAS

Reflective Tunstall takes a rest on Preston's waterfront during training for the British world cross country trials today

Single-minded Tunstall stakes all

David Powell explains why the road to riches in athletics has no allure for an unemployed former soldier from the French Foreign Legion

EAMONN Martin is a good runner with a good job, supporting a wife and three children. The £200,000, or thereabouts, that he will earn from the next two NutraSweet London Marathons should ensure none of his family goes short.

Steve Tunstall is a good runner with no job, who also has a wife and three children. He will be getting nothing from the London Marathon because he is not running it. Yet, with one good run in London, his family could move out of their rented house in Preston and turn their dream of buying a home into reality.

Instead, Tunstall's wife, Lorraine, works in a shop while he looks after the children, fitting in training at both ends of the day. Business is slow and Lorraine has been put on short hours: "It is definitely hard for us at the moment," she said.

Why, then, has Tunstall not been tempted by the road to riches? "You can only focus on one thing and I get my buzz from the world cross country championships," he said.

Even his pocket-money income from cross-country racing is down. He could line up every week, but has competed only four times in two months: rather that, he says, than overrace and risk being stale come the world championships.

The British trials for those championships take place in Alnwick, Northumberland, today and Tunstall, the defending champion, should win. Form suggests he will finish ahead of Martin and Britain's other successful marathon runner of 1993, Richard Nerurkar, the World Cup champion. Martin and Nerurkar were accomplished cross-country runners before turning to the marathon, winning five English titles between them (Nerurkar three, Martin two). They remain ambitious at cross country, but do not train for it exclusively, as Tunstall does.

Neither Martin nor Nerurkar could be accused of greed. They are club athletes at heart who have run into money from marathon racing because it was there, not because they sought it. But their like is rare and, if Tunstall turns to marathons eventually, he may go as the last of the Corinthians.

Not the least admirable aspect of Tunstall's spirit is that he can never hope to win the world title. African dominates and Tunstall would regard a place in the top ten as a victory. What appeals is being part of the most competitive race in athletics, which brings together distance track runners, marathon runners and steeplechasers.

He finished fourteenth once, running for France — he was in the French Foreign Legion at the time, having left home without telling his parents. "I wanted to get into the British Army, but they refused me," he said. "I was told I was a bit quiet, too shy. When I heard about the Legion, I thought I would go for that."

He told his brother he was going but his parents that he was heading for a Territorial Army weekend: "I told my brother to keep it a secret and to assume that, if I was not back within a week, I had probably got in," he said.

It was the making of him as a runner — "The best thing I ever did," he said. He was French military champion four times and the training he learned under Jacques Darras, who coached Tony Martins to French 5,000 and 10,000 metres records, has been recalled to good effect.

"When I came back to Britain, I took advice from other people, but it did not work," Tunstall, 29, said. "Last season, I went back to the sessions I was doing with Jacques."

A sound basis for a marathon? "I have never asked him [Steve] seriously about a marathon," Lorraine Tunstall said. "*I would not like to push* him into anything for financial reasons." She would rather he enjoyed his run today, though regrettably she cannot be there to support. Someone has to stay at home and look after the children. Role reversal resumes on Monday.

Crow plays strong hand to redress slow start

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

WITH only two rides in point-to-points this season, Alistair Crow, the men's champion, has had a frustrating start to the year. A distinct change of fortune, however, could be on the cards at **Weston Park** this afternoon, when he has five fancied mounts.

Equity Player runs in the open and will be attempting to improve on last year when runner-up to the useful Toureen Prince, his only defeat in his first five outings. However, in the confined, Scally Muire may find Pont De Paix difficult to beat, while in the restricted Manomore has a tough task against Gozone.

Both divisions of the maiden look to be within his grasp with Jolly Boat and Cussane Cross. Jolly Boat had an indifferent season last year but his trainer, Sheila Crow, expects to see him emulate his half-brother, Bishops Hall, in going on to win good-class chases.

After running promisingly as a four-year-old, Cussane Cross cut himself and missed the Irish season last year but is now fully wound up for his new yard.

At **Larkhill**, Chilhampton makes a welcome return to racing. One of the leading point-to-pointers in the south three years ago and the winner of a Stratford hunter chase, Chilhampton was injured when falling at Newbury on his initial outing in 1992. Nursed back to fitness by his owner-trainer, Tony Green, he schooled last Sunday under his former rider, Guy Upton, now a professional. He will be ridden in the confined today by Tim Mitchell, who also partners Green's Indian Knight in the open.

Agathyst, unbeaten under Caroline McClymont in the last two years, can extend that sequence on his seasonal debut in the ladies' at the **Lanark and Renfrewshire**.

The **Heythrop** course passed an inspection yesterday and last week's postponed **South Midlands Hunt Club** was also given the go-ahead. Parsons Pleasure, a winner at Barbury Castle, should get backers off to a good start in the confined but winners could be rather more difficult to find subsequently with five maidens on the card.

Nearly Splendid, denied an outing with the loss of Newton Abbot on Tuesday, is a probable in the **South Poole** open. His objective remains the four-mile National Hunt Chase at Cheltenham.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Lanark and Renfrewshire, Bogside, 1m north of Irvine (first race 1.30); Lincolnshire United Hunts Club, Market Rasen National Hunt course (11.45); South Midlands Hunt Club, Heythrop, 2m E of Chipping Norton, (11.00); South Poole Harriers, Ottery St Mary, 1m SW of town (12.00); Suffolk, Ampton, 4m N of Bury St Edmunds (1.00); United Services, Larkhill, 3m NW of Amesbury (12.30); West Shropshire, Weston Park, 6m E of Telford (12.30).

Autumn Gorse returns

AUTUMN Gorse bids to put himself into the Smurfit Champion Hurdle reckoning by making a winning comeback in the Red Mills Trial Hurdle at Gowran Park this afternoon (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

He has not run since failing to land a gamble (12-1 to 7-1) behind Royal Derbi in last year's AIG Europe Champion Hurdle at Leopardstown. However, he was a sick horse after that race, and Aiden O'Brien has had to exercise great patience in getting him back to form.

He has booked Charlie Swan for today's race and, in the absence of Tiananmen Square, the one he has to beat is the Ladbroke Hurdle runner-up, Arctic Weather.

Atone, who ran away with the Ladbroke and then landed the Arkle Trophy at Leopardstown, has frightened away any significant opposition in the Frank Ward and Co Solicitors Chase at Punchestown tomorrow.

WOLVERHAMPTON

THUNDERER

7.00 Love Legend. 7.30 Palacegate Jo. 8.00 Old Comrades. 8.30 Milngavie. 9.00 Magic Junction. 9.30 Hasta La Vista.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

7.00 LURCHER LIMITED GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (£2,243: 7f) (5 runners)

1 143 JON'S CHOICE 14 (CD,G) B Preece 6-9-11 ..... T Wall 3
2 -6321 LOVE LEGEND 15 (F,G,S) D Arbuthnot 9-9-11 ..... T Quinn 5
3 1230 MAPLE BAY 14 (CD,G) K White 5-9-11 ..... J Williams 4
4 1-63 MISSY-S 12 (F,G) B Llewellyn 5-9-6 ..... H Bastiman (5) 2
5 -060 SAY SUNPAK 12 Mrs V Aconley 4-9-6 ..... M Wigham 1

13-8 Love Legend, 7-4 Jon's Choice, 5-1 Maple Bay, Missy-S, 50-1 Say Sunpak.

7.30 COLLIE CLAIMING GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O: £2,243: 6f) (10)

1 5465 JUST GREENWICH 19 (B,CD,G) P Evans 9-2 ..... D Gibbs (7) 6
2 EAGLE SKY W Musson 8-9 ..... D Gibbs (7) 8
3 6-5 GOVERNORS LADY 43 R Hollinshead 8-8 ..... M Humphries (7) 1
4 0-52 NORDICO PRINCESS 8 (D,G) J Pickering 8-8 ..... L Dettori 10
5 -023 DANCE OF THE SWANS 8 (B,BF,G,S) D Hunt 8-6 Dale Gibson 8
6 40-1 DAUNTLESS FORT 8 (D,G) B Murray 8-6 ..... J Quinn 7
7 -052 LADY SILK 8 (V) J Hetherton 8-4 ..... M Carlisle 2
8 0-05 REGINA ALICIA 19 P McBride 8-4 ..... K Rutter (5) 3
9 2414 PALACEGATE JO 8 (D,G,S) J Berry 8-0 ..... A Mackay 5
10 04-0 LORELEI ROCK 32 J Bennett 7-10 ..... G Bardwell 4

2-1 Palacegate Jo, 4-1 Dauntless Fort, 9-2 Dance Of The Swans, 6-1 others.

8.00 AIRDALE HANDICAP (£3,319: 7f) (11)

1 11-1 ASHGORE 42 (C,D,F,G) M Johnston 4-10-0 ..... J Weaver 8
2 1-11 SECOND COLOURS 14 (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-8 K Darley 2
3 0-50 THE SHARP BIDDER 14 (G) R Hollinshead 4-9-1 ..... L Dettori 4
4 1-15 KINTWYN 35 (D,BF,G) D Laing 4-9-1 ..... G Whitworth 10
5 2136 QUINZII MARTIN 12 (V,CD,G) D Hayda Jones 6-8-7 J Williams 11
6 53-0 MUSTN'T GRUMBLE 35 (B,G) B Beasley 4-8-7 ..... T Quinn 5
7 0-23 GREEK GOLD 5 (BF,G) J Glover 5-8-5 ..... S D Williams 7
8 -166 OH Y VA 18 (CD,G,S) R Williams 7-8-2 ..... D Biggs 8
9 36-3 PANTHER 12 (V) J Hetherton 4-7-13 ..... N Kennedy (3) 3
10 0-61 OLD COMRADES 8 (D,F,G) T Barron 7-7-12 ..... D Harrison 1
11 40-0 GOODY FOUR SHOES 28 (F,S) M Barraclough 6-7-7 ..... N Varley (7) 0

7-2 Second Colours, 4-1 Ashgore, 5-1 Kintwyn, 6-1 Greek Gold, 7-1 Old Comrades, On Y Va, 8-1 Quinzii Martin, 10-1 Panther, 12-1 others.

8.30 DALMATION HANDICAP (£4,230: 1m 6f 166yd) (7)

1 0/3- WAYSARI 290J (F) C Broad 6-9-10 ..... M Wigham 5
2 300- ALDERNEY PRINCE 144J (F) P Leach 4-9-18 ..... J Williams 3
3 23/4 AMBUSCADE 5 (S) E Alston 8-9-2 ..... J Quinn 7
4 020- AUDE LA BELLE 113 (F,G) Mrs L Piggott 6-9-2 ..... A Mackay 4
5 1112 ARC BRIGHT 4 (C,BF,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-0 ..... L Dettori 1
6 0231 MILNGAVIE 4 (CD,F,G,S) M Johnston 4-8-12 (4ex) J Weaver 6
7 -505 BROUGHTONS FORMULA 19 (B,G) W Musson 4-8-3 D Biggs 2

5-2 Arc Bright, Milngavie, 9-2 Waysari, 6-1 Alderney Prince, Broughtons Formula, 18-1 Ambuscade, 12-1 Aude La Belle.

9.00 LABRADOR HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,640: 1m 100yd) (7)

1 1-11 UPPER GROSVENOR 22 (CD,G) W Muir 9-7 ..... T Quinn 6
2 -111 MAGIC JUNCTION 19 (CD,G) Lord Huntingdon 9-5 ..... L Dettori 3
3 400- VANESSA ROSE 119 A Bailey 8-12 ..... D Wright (5) 2
4 3241 KILLING TIME 12 (V,C,G) A Forbes 8-4 ..... S D Williams 7
5 -332 SHUTTLECOCK 12 (S) R Phillips 8-2 ..... J Weaver 1
6 -031 CHARLIES DREAM 14 (CD,G) K Burke 8-0 ..... N Adams 4
7 -233 MR DEVIOUS 12 (B,BF,G) C Allen 7-13 ..... G Bardwell 5

5-2 Upper Grosvenor, 11-4 Magic Junction, 4-1 Charlies Dream, 9-2 Killing Time, 6-1 Shuttlecock, 7-1 Mr Devious, 25-1 Vanessa Rose.

9.30 JACK RUSSELL HANDICAP (£2,899: 1m 4f) (8)

1 5-11 HASTA LA VISTA 8 (B,D,F,G) M W Easterby 4-10-0 K Darley 4
2 40-1 RAVE-ON-HADLEY 42 (G) A Bailey 4-9-12 ..... L Dettori 3
3 060- MAHONG 73 (V,F,G) Mrs H Parrott 5-9-11 ..... V Slattery 5
4 0-32 PREMIER DANCE 33 (D,F,G) D Hayda Jones 7-8-13 J Williams 7
5 560- DUGGAN 193 (D,F,G) P Evans 7-8-10 ..... A Clark 2
6 4-31 MR BEAN 12 (CD,G) K Burke 4-8-8 ..... J Quinn 8
7 0/0- NAJEB 521 (B,F) P Evans 5-8-5 ..... D Holland 6
8 406/ BALLERINA ROSE 16J D Burchell 7-7-7 ..... G Bardwell 1

2-1 Hasta La Vista, 11-4 Rave-On-Hadley, 3-1 Premier Dance, 4-1 Mr Bean, 14-1 Duggan, 25-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Johnston, 5 winners from 13 runners, 38.5%; Lord Huntingdon, 4 from 15, 26.7%; A Bailey, 4 from 22, 18.2%; E Alston, 3 from 17, 17.6%; P Evans, 4 from 25, 16.0%; J Berry, 3 from 20, 15.0%.

JOCKEYS: J Weaver, 8 winners from 35 rides, 22.9%; S D Williams, 3 from 15, 20.0%; G Bardwell, 3 from 16, 18.8%; L Dettori, 7 from 39, 17.9%; J Williams, 5 from 31, 16.1%; A Clark, 3 from 20, 15.0%.

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

2.20 Arkady. 2.50 Gallery Artist. 3.20 Keen Bid. 3.50 Napoleon Star. 4.20 Caspian Beluga. 4.50 Sarum.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.20 HELEN McINNES MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,231: 5f) (7 runners)

1 25-2 ARKADY 28 Lord Huntingdon 9-0 ..... L Dettori 3
2 00- BATON BLEU 103 P Howling 9-0 ..... J Quinn 5
3 0- HALLIARD 150 T Jones 9-0 ..... R Perham 2
4 3422 MONSIEUR PETONG 4 M Channon 9-0 ..... T Quinn 6
5 NINEACRESS D Chapman 9-0 ..... J Fanning 4
6 00-0 STEADY RISK 4 J Bridger 9-0 ..... T Williams 1
7 6-2 AMAZING NEWS 39 M Compton 8-9 ..... M Hills 7

4-5 Arkady, 11-4 Monsieur Petong, 5-1 Amazing News, 10-1 others.

2.50 AGATHA CHRISTIE SELLING STAKES (£2,532: 1m) (12)

1 5054 APPLIANCEOFSCIENCE 7 (G) K Wingrove 7-9-6 ..... D Holland 3
2 1150 RESPECTABLE JONES 7 (CD,F,G,S) R Hollinshead 8-9-6 ..... Paul Eddery 11
3 030- ABSOLUTELY FACT 238 (CD,G) Allan Smith (Bel) 4-9-0 M Hills 9
4 -500 AFRICAN CHIMES 28 (C,F,G) W Muir 7-9-0 ..... Kim McDonnell 1
5 6-06 EXPORT MONDIAL 22 P Burgoyne 4-9-0 ..... J Quinn 12
6 4S-6 GALLERY ARTIST 21 (C,G,S) A Guest 6-9-0 ..... L Dettori 8
7 2000 JEROBOAM 12 (G) Allan Smith 6-9-0 ..... Martin Smith 7
8 00-0 PREDICTABLE 42 (CD,G) Mrs A Knight 8-9-0 ..... G Whitworth 5
9 050- SOVIET EXPRESS 9J (B,G) C Brooks 4-9-0 ..... T Quinn 10
10 TELMAR SYSTEMS 16J K Ivory 5-9-0 ..... J Weaver 4
11 04-0 WRETS 21 (F) R Baker 5-9-0 ..... J Williams 2
12 -434 PRECIOUS AIR 14 (D,F,G,S) A Moore 6-8-9 ..... A Clark 6

3-1 Respectable Jones, 7-2 Gallery Artist, 9-2 African Chimes, 6-1 Absolutely Fact, 8-1 Soviet Express, 12-1 Applianceofscience, 14-1 Precious Air, 16-1 others.

3.20 EVELYN ANTHONY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,498: 1m 2f) (7)

1 -114 JUST HARRY 22 (C,BF,G) M Ryan 9-7 ..... P McCabe (5) 3
2 01-3 PRINCE DANDIE 21 (C,G) D Murray Smith 9-7 ..... T Quinn 5
3 0-11 HERR TRIGGER 11 (B,C,G) J Scargill 9-4 ..... K Rutter (5) 6
4 0-12 KEEN BID 19 (G) W Jarvis 8-11 ..... J Williams 4
5 5-11 SUCCESS STORY 7 (CD,G) Lord Huntingdon 8-10 ..... L Dettori 7
6 3431 SURPRISE GUEST 5 (G) M Johnston 8-5 (Sen) ..... J Weaver 1
7 -152 KOMPLIQITY 7 (CD,G) Bob Jones 8-3 ..... A Clark 2

9-2 Success Story, 7-2 Keen Bid, 9-2 Komplicity, 5-1 Herr Trigger, 6-1 Surprise Guest, 7-1 Prince Dandie, 8-1 Just Harry.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Bob Jones, 5 winners from 20 runners, 25.0%; W Jarvis, 5 from 20, 25.0%; R Hollinshead, 16 from 68, 23.5%; Lord Huntingdon, 21 from 91, 23.1%; M Johnston, 33 from 162, 21.1%; D Murray-Smith, 15 from 73, 20.5%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 38 winners from 113 rides, 33.6%; J Weaver, 13 from 56, 23.2%; K Rutter, 12 from 56, 21.4%; T Quinn, 58 from 315, 18.4%; M Hills, 28 from 177, 15.8%; J Williams, 51 from 372, 13.7%.

3.50 GEORGETTE HEYER CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,400: 7f) (7)

1 5144 CASPIAN GOLD 15 (CD,G) C Allen 9-0 ..... E Guest 4
2 -534 NAPOLEON STAR 7 (BF) M Saunders 6-7 ..... J Williams 1
3 000- NOTHING TO WEAR 143 M Channon 8-7 ..... Paul Eddery 3
4 0505 OLD HOOK 12 (F) Allan Smith (Bel) 6-7 ..... L Dettori 5
5 0-43 DOME PATROL 11 W Muir 8-6 ..... Kim McDonnell 6
6 331- TSWANA 66 (CD,G) M Compton 8-6 ..... P McCabe (5) 2
7 00-3 SARASONIA 21 R Baker 8-0 ..... B Doyle (3) 7

9-4 Tswana, 11-4 Caspian Gold, 4-1 Dome Patrol, 7-1 Napoleon Star, 8-1 Nothing To Wear, 10-1 Sarasonia, 16-1 Old Hook.

4.20 MARGERY ALLINGHAM HANDICAP (£3,260: 1m 4f) (5)

1 -321 MAD MILITANT 14 (D,F,G) R Hollinshead 5-9-13 L Aspell (7) 3
2 000- CAMDEN'S RANSOM 60 (C,F,G) C Wildman 7-9-3 ..... C Rutter 1
3 1106 SLIGHT RISK 14 (CD,G) P Kelleway 5-9-1 ..... Paul Eddery 2
4 3-06 CASPIAN BELUGA 42 (CD,G,S) Mrs A Knight 6-8-10 J Weaver 5
5 4104 EXHIBIT AIR 11 (C,F,G) R Hannon 4-8-8 ..... D O'Neill (7) 4

4-5 Mad Militant, 5-2 Exhibit Air, 5-1 Slight Risk, 14-1 Caspian Beluga, 20-1 Camden's Ransom.

4.50 DOROTHY L SAYERS APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£2,899: 7f) (8)

1 -032 COURTING NEWMARKET 18 (CD,G) Mrs A Knight 6-9-18 ..... Marie Plowright (5) 7
2 1033 SARUM 7 (C,F,G) C Wildman 8-9-9 ..... D McCabe 1
3 -300 ANORAK 16J P Haslam 4-9-9 ..... C Adamson (5) 5
4 00-5 WADERS DREAM 14 (V,F) Pat Mitchell 5-9-4 ..... L Newton 8
5 3225 DISTANT DYNASTY 18 J Long 4-9-3 ..... D Wright 2
6 0-05 UMBRIA 14 (S) R O'Sullivan 5-9-0 ..... P McCabe 6
7 -565 SHARP IMP 14 (B) R Flower 4-7-7 ..... C Hawksley 3
8 000- MYJIKKA 60 (B) J O'Donoghue 4-7-7 ..... M Baird (3) 4

7-4 Courting Newmarket, 9-4 Sarum, 7-2 Umbria, 8-1 Distant Dynasty, 12-1 Anorak, 14-1 Waders Dream, 33-1 Sharp Imp, 80-1 Myjikka.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Wolverhampton (AW, first race 1.50), Fontwell Park (2.00), Newcastle (2.10).
TUESDAY: Lingfield Park (AW, 2.20), Huntingdon (2.00), Sedgefield (2.10).
WEDNESDAY: Doncaster (2.00), Folkestone (1.55), Southwell (AW, 2.10), Warwick (1.50).
THURSDAY: Lingfield Park (AW, 1.50), Catterick (1.40), Wincanton (2.00).
FRIDAY: Southwell (AW, 2.10), Haydock Park (2.00), Kempton Park (2.20), Towcester (2.15).
SATURDAY: Lingfield Park (AW, 2.10), Edinburgh (1.15), Haydock Park (1.00), Kempton Park (1.55), Market Rasen (2.10).

(Flat meetings in bold)

Blinkered first time

WOLVERHAMPTON: 7.30 Lady Silk. 7.30 Dance Of The Swans. 9.00 Mr Devious. 9.30 Mahong.

Anwar puts Pakistan on top with century

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

A MAIDEN Test century from the left-handed opening batsman, Saeed Anwar, helped put Pakistan in total control after two days of the second Test against New Zealand in Wellington.

Anwar scored 169 before he was fourth out with the total at 290, having made his runs in just over five hours. Exactly 100 of them came from boundary strokes. It was a remarkably confident display from a player appearing at this level for only the third time and it appears that Pakistan may have found another batsman of the first rank.

By the close, Pakistan had reached 398 for four, having scored 363 runs in the day for the loss of three wickets, and led by 223.

Anwar, who was particularly strong off the back foot, was dropped behind the wicket of de Groen when 72 with the total at 148. It proved an expensive error by Blain.

With Basit Ali a willing partner, Anwar dominated the bowling, hitting powerfully off the back foot. Basit celebrated reaching 50 by striking three boundaries in an over from Morrison while Anwar, who went to 99 with an elegant cover drive off Doull, then cut the same bowler neatly behind gully to reach three figures.

The pair brought up their 150 partnership in 160 minutes and had added 197 when Basit was bowled for 85, sweeping at Thomson.

After Anwar had been run out, Salim Malik and Inzamam-ul-Haq took heavy toll of a tiring attack.

SCOREBOARD

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings 175 (Wasim Akram 4-60)

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Saeed Anwar run out	169
Aamir Sohail lbw b Morrison	2
Akram Raza c Blain b Morrison	0
Basit Ali b Thomson	85
*Salim Malik not out	62
Inzamam-ul-Haq not out	63
Extras (b 5, lb 6, nb 6)	17
Total (4 wkts)	398

Ata Mujtaba, †Rashid Latif, Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis and Aqa-ul-Rehman to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-34, 2-36, 3-233, 4-290.

BOWLING: Morrison 24-4-102-2 (nb1) De Groen 20-5-62-0, Doull 23-5-68-0 (nb2) Hart 22-7-76-0 (nb3), Thomson 13-3-57-1.

Dow's raid

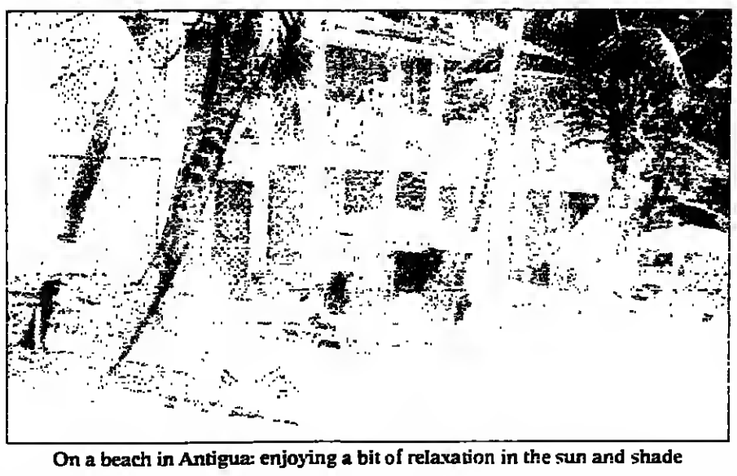
CONFRONTER has sound claims of continuing Simon Dow's successful spell at Cagnes-sur-Mer, in the south of France, tomorrow, when he contests the Prix General de Saint Didier, an amateur riders' race run over a mile.

A winner over 7½ furlongs last Sunday, Confronter should not be inconvenienced by the extra distance. Tim Cuff takes the ride.

THIS SPRING YOU COULD BE IN THE SUN — WATCHING CRICKET

Win a sporting holiday for two in Antigua

Fly to Antigua, stay in a luxury hotel, watch the cricket and have £500 to spend



On a beach in Antigua: enjoying a bit of relaxation in the sun and shade

Today, *The Times* in association with Sky Sports and their official broadcast sponsors Whittingdale and JVC, is offering readers the chance to win a luxury trip for two to Antigua. Apart from enjoying a Caribbean holiday, the winner will have the chance to watch the fifth Test match.

England made a wonderful start to the international matches by winning the first one-day game in Barbados. Now the Test series begins and the last time England were in the Caribbean in 1990 everything hinged on the fifth and final match in Antigua. The picturesque St *John's ground, the venue for* the match, is among the best for batting in these islands.

The competition winner and a friend will fly to Antigua, where they will have seven nights accommodation in a first class hotel, entrance tickets to the fifth Test match and £500 spending money. Two runners-up will each win a fully installed JVC satellite system with a three month subscription to *Sky Sports, who have exclusive* live coverage of the West Indies Tour. Each runner-up will also receive Whittingdale cricket merchandise, as worn by the England cricketers on the Tour.

Michael Atherton flicks the ball away in Barbados

HOW TO ENTER

To win one of these fabulous prizes simply answer the three questions printed below and telephone your answers through to our competition hotline.

1. When England last played a Test Match in Antigua, Gordon Greenidge completed a couple of centuries even though West Indies only batted once. How did he achieve this?

2. Who captained England in that *match*?

3. In the 1986 Test in Antigua, Vivian Richards scored the fastest Test match century in terms of balls received. From how many deliveries did he score it?

PHONE IN YOUR ANSWERS ON 0891 665503 up to midnight on Friday, February 25, 1994.

You will be asked to give your three answers, your name, address and telephone number.

Winners will be selected from all correct entries received by the closing date and notified by post. Normal *Times competition rules* apply.

Calls are charged at 36p a minute cheap rate, 48p a minute at all other times.

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THE TIMES RISING STARS

Winners from Wincanton OF THE GIFT VOUCHERS FROM Aquascutum

£150 VOUCHERS	£100 VOUCHERS	£50 VOUCHERS
Ms. J. Simpson of Dumfries whose anagram for Upham Close was Shalcomeup.	Mr. A. A. Rhodes of Nottingham whose anagram for Flame O'Frensi was Sane Life Form.	Mr. O. Sinm of Bournemouth whose anagram for Over the Edge was Hedgerow Vet.

★There's £300 of Aquascutum vouchers to be won each time there's a race in The Times Rising Stars 9 race Series. The next is at Huntingdon on 22nd February. Look out for the £5000 prize at Newbury on 25th March.

Nottingham chase draws field worthy of Seely

By Julian Muscat

AN OUTSTANDING race is in prospect at Nottingham today when three of the season's leading novices contest the Nottinghamshire Novices' Chase, run this year in memory of Michael Seely, the respected former racing correspondent of *The Times*. How Seely would have relished the encounter between Hops And Pops, Current Express and Native Mission over two miles at Nottingham, his local racecourse.

It is the presence of Native Mission that would have particularly excited Seely, for he was a great confidante of the horse's trainer, Jimmy Fitzgerald. Seely, more than most, would have been fully aware of Fitzgerald's penchant for winning this event, and Native Mission has been campaigned in an almost identical manner to Danish Flight, Phoenix Gold and Sybillin, Fitzgerald's three previous winners of the race.

Three bloodless victories in as many outings over fences will have done wonders for Native Mission's confidence. Now the seven-year-old is pitted against the best in his division, a point acknowledged by his regular jockey, Mark Dwyer. "We have to give Current Express 7lb, which will not prove easy," he said. "But the horse has taken to jumping fences particularly well and is as good, if not better, than he was over hurdles."

That is high praise indeed, given that Native Mission has led over the last in races like The Ladbroke, County Hurdle and two runnings of the Tote Gold Trophy. His ability to stay two miles fully in strongly-run races always proved his Achilles heel over the smaller obstacles. "We are riding him a bit more positively this year and it seems to have made all the difference," Dwyer said.

Current Express, a fluent winner on his fencing debut at Kempton in January, was made favourite for the Guinness Arkle Trophy at Cheltenham next month. Understandably so, as that was his first outing for 21 months. Subsequent schooling sessions have confirmed his natural aptitude but his trainer, Nicky Henderson, has been reluctant to risk Current Express on the prevailing soft ground.

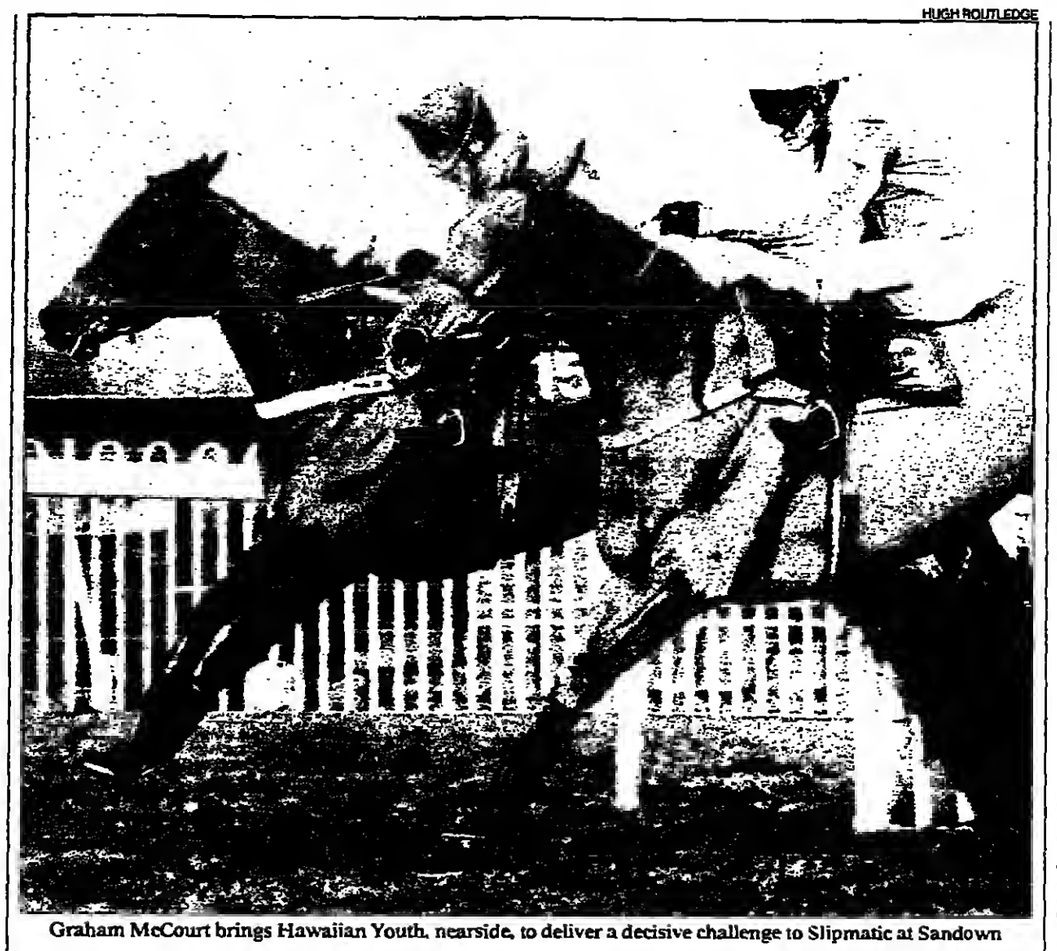
Heavy overnight rain may yet scupper the script, as Henderson yesterday indicated he would withdraw his seven-year-old if the ground, currently good to soft, deteriorates markedly. "I hope that doesn't happen as he really wants a race," he said of Current Express, who will be entered, as a precaution, at Wincanton next week.

A peculiar trait among horses to run well after a lengthy absence from the racecourse is their frustrating habit of running disappointingly next time out. "That theory is definitely correct," Henderson added, "and what's worse is that nobody can begin to explain why it is. My horse has come on for his first run and I have to hope that is evidence of his wellbeing."

The race is delicately poised, with Hops And Pops, a front-runner, sure to set a searching gallop. Dwyer was unwilling to predict the outcome but said: "I know the boss [Fitzgerald] was a good friend of Michael Seely so he'll be thrilled to bits if we could win it."

Seely: respected

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Graham McCourt brings Hawaiian Youth, nearside, to deliver a decisive challenge to Slipmatic at Sandown

Coonawara lifts Forster's gloom

By Julian Muscat

TIM Forster is a trainer with a difference. In a sport littered with hopeless optimists, we have long become used to Forster's in-built sense of pessimism. But he reached a new peak, even by his own exalted stanards, after his immensely talented young horse, Coonawara, put up the accomplished display expected of him in the Badger Novices' Chase over an extended 2½ miles at Sandown Park yesterday.

"I woke up this morning knowing that something terribly bad was happening today. And then I realised Coonawara was down to run," he related. "I'm much happier taking ordinary horses to places like Folkestone in midweek. I get no pleasure out of this; only pain."

Coonawara, in fact, could not have fenced with more precision in his contemptuous dismissal of Los Buccaneros. It was the stuff of exhibition; quite how Forster will cope with the rigours of Cheltenham, the horse's next port of call, is anyone's guess. Clearly, the ten festival winners he has already saddled appear to be no steadying influence on his nerves.

For such a small horse, Coonawara has a remarkable spring, and it was encouraging to see him measure the handful of fences he met on the wrong stride. His winning habit — this was his ninth victory in succession — has elevated him towards a prominent position in the betting for the Arkle Chase. Sporting Index clipped his odds by half a point to 9-2, behind the 3-1 joint-favourites, Current Express and Atone.

"He's a far from certain runner in the Arkle," Forster said in response. "He seems better suited to further than two miles and there is a strong possibility he will go for the Cathcart instead."

Cheltenham is on Bagalino's agenda after the four-year-old just resisted a determined late flourish from the newcomer, Edithmead, in the Cat & Mouse Novices' Hurdle. Trained by Guy Harwood, Bagalino, the winner of two of his three races, now heads for the Triumph Hurdle.

Richard Rowe, Harwood's neighbour at Pulborough, preceded him into the winner's enclosure when Hawaiian Youth got the better of a struggle with Slipmatic in the EBF National Hunt Novices' Hurdle.

Uncle Ernie, a promising novice chaser three seasons ago, has recaptured something of that form of late. The latest instalment in his change of fortune proved too much for Young Snugfit in the Squirrel Handicap Chase over the minimum trip. They had the race to themselves after Setter Country, the only other runner, crashed out of the race at the fourth fence from home.

The current scarcity of runners in steeplechases across the country is giving the authorities serious cause for concern and the racing today has fared little better. Of the seven televised races, only two offer fields of sufficient size to facilitate each-way betting to third place. Some hard thinking will have to be done to reverse this uowelcome trend.

Chepstow abandoned

The meeting at Chepstow scheduled for today has been called off because of waterlogging. Rodger Farrant, the clerk of the course, said: "We have had nearly an inch of rain with more forecast."

NOTTINGHAM

THUNDERER

1.35 Call My Guest
2.05 Scarf
2.35 Miners Melody
3.10 Native Mission
3.45 Coulton
4.15 ASTINGS (nap)
4.45 Dunnohalm

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

1.35 ST ANNS JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(4-Y-O £2,015: 2m) (10 runners)

1 34114 HYDE'S HAPPY HOUR 49 (CD,BF,G,S) (Trevor Allen Club) N Tinkler 11-4 ... B McCourt
2 203213 THE PREMIER EXPRES 21 (D,BF,S) (R Dawson) W Bentley 11-4 ... A Maguire
3 00 ALANTHUS 21 (J Wilson, Mrs S Wilson) 10-10 ... Gary Lyons
4 223232 CALL MY GUEST 8 (Bestwell Fencing Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-10 ... F Leahy (7)
5 DARK OBI 99F (G Dransfield) Mrs J Ceci 10-10 ... T Kent
6 P0 DYAS 21 (Lady Deanna Lady C Williams) 10-10 ... S Wrigglesworth
7 02 PRIME OF LIFE 11 (Mrs T Mathews) J Eustace 10-10 ... S McNally
8 0 MEGAVON 12 (L Greaves) L Cecil 10-5 ... N Williamson
9 32 WILLMOUNT 19 (J Rastrick Racing) T McGovern 10-5 ... M A Fitzgerald
10 UF RUMPUS 11 (Chem Tree Racing Club) C Brittain 10-5 ... W Marston

BETTING: 3-4 Call My Guest, 5-1 Hyde's Happy Hour, 5-1 Prime Of Life, 6-1 Willmount, 7-1 Dark Obi, 8-1 The Premier Expres, 20-1 Dyas, 33-1 Alanthus, Megavon, Rumpus.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

2.05 COLWICK PARK NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,061: 2m 5f 110yd) (16 runners)

1 066 TRAVELLING LIGHT 18 (Mrs J Ramsden) Mrs J Ramsden 8-11-10 ... Mr S Swiers
2 65541 SCARF 7 (B Sy H Sadler) J J O'Neill 6-11-8 ... M Dwyer
3 0F-611 VERY EVIDENT 7 (S) (Mrs S Moore) S Moore 6-11-7 ... J Callaghan
4 00-4F0 COLETTE'S CHOICE 37 (J Cooper) G Ham 5-11-4 ... O Fortune (5)
5 60-520 DUNDEE PRINCE 84 (Transform Distribution Ltd) P Bailey 6-11-3 ... N Williamson
6 00-041 FATHER FORTUNE 96 (B,CD,S) (R Hall) O Sherwood 6-11-3 ... J McCarthy (3)
7 33302- EASTERN PLEASURE 390 (T Wood) N Guy 7-11-0 ... M Brennan
8 6644 LACURVA 22 (E Price) M Wilkinson 5-10-5 ... P Ward (7)
9 5-P0P SALINSER 52 (Miss E O'Shea) M Bamsbaugh 6-10-2 ... V Smith
10 44-00 MUZO 22 (D Foster) Mrs R Foster 7-10-1 ... W Humphreys
11 0-F000 MAC RAMBLER 11 (Kendall Wine & Co Ltd) U Fairhurst 7-10-0 ... S Turner
12 P434-4 GREEN WALK 62 (C Connelly) P Rowe 7-10-0 ... C Barnes-Wells (5)
13 70P-63 LENTHALL PRINCESS 25 (J Needham) J Needham 6-10-0 ... R Guest
14 6/P/00 ARTIC MISSILE 29 (R Peachey) M Bamsbaugh 7-10-0 ... Alex Stokes
15 00/06P PETRACARE 14 (S Burton) J Fielding 7-10-0 ... P McLoughlin (7)
16 /P00/0 PENLEA LADY 37 (Mrs S Addinsell) Mrs M Jones 7-10-0 ... A Maguire

Long handicap: Mac Rambler 9-11, Green Walk 9-5, Lenthall Princess 9-6, Artic Missile 9-1, Petracare 8-11, Penlea Lady 8-10.

BETTING: 11-4 Scarf, 9-2 Father Fortune, 5-1 Travelling Light, 10-1 Dundee Prince, Very Evident, 12-1 Green Walk, 14-1 Lacurva, 16-1 Muzo, 20-1 others.

1993: MASTER JOLSON 5-11-10 R Dunwoody, (6-4 fav) G Richards 11 ran

2.35 BBC RADIO NOTTINGHAM NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,165: 2m 5f 110yd) (9 runners) C4

1 06/P- ABADARE 378P (D Lowe, D Lowe 10-12-0 ... G Hogan (7)
2 /243- AUTUMN SPORT 343P (F,G) (C Jenkins) J Tomlinson 13-12-0 ... R Hale (5)
3 /4-02 BEN HEAD 21P (S) (R Bevis, R Bevis 12-12-0 ... R Bevis (7)
4 2 MINERS MELODY 14 (J Greenall) P Chesebrough 6-12-0 ... J Greenall
5 /53-U SAGARO SUN 8 (M Anthony) M Anthony 8-12-0 ... C Campbell (7)
6 /F25- SPARTAN RANGER 413 (R) (Miss P Milligan) Mrs P Milligan 9-12-0 ... C Bonner (7)
7 214-1 TIRLEY MISSILE 28P (F,S) (D Smith) Gerald Smith 8-12-0 ... M Farrell (7)
8 1U1-1 UP THE LADDER 14P (G,S) (Mrs H Hogben) Mrs S Thomas 10-12-0 ... Miss C Thomas (7)
9 0/23- AINTREE DATS 329P (J Holt) J Holt 7-11-9 ... Mr J Holt (7)

☐ Form figures include point-to-points

BETTING: 6-5 Miners Melody, 5-1 Tirley Missile, 5-1 Ben Head, 8-1 Spartan Ranger, 14-1 Aintree Dats, 20-1 others.

1993: MATERIAL GIRL 7-11-2 C Vigors (10-1) C Egerton 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEN HEAD head 2nd of 13 to Fearneyhill in a Mixed Open at Tweseldown (good to soft). MINERS MELODY 2½l 2nd of 8 to Teeplanner in a hunter chase at Wetherby (3m 1f) 110y, good to soft). SPARTAN RANGER 16½l 5th of 14 to Candy Tuft in a novice chase at Aye (3m 1f, good). TIRLEY MISSILE beat Maurc in The Night 15l in a 14-runner Club Restricted Members at Barbury Castle (good to soft). UP THE LADDER beat Handcome Harvey 4l in a 13-runner Ladies Open at Llanwrd Major (good) on penultimate start.
Selection: MINERS MELODY

3.10 MICHAEL SEELY NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NOVICES CHASE (Grade II: £9,560: 2m) (7 runners) C4

1 22-111 NATIVE MISSION 52 (CD,G,S) (G Shouler) Jimmy Fitzgerald 1-11-12 ... M Dwyer 91
2 -PU5U3 CALDECOTT 1 (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 8-11-5 ... Gary Lyons 50
3 -33123 COUNTRY LAD 52 (D,G,S) (S Dauch) Mrs S Williams 6-11-5 ... S McNeill 87
4 /151/1 CURRENT EXPRESS 28 (D,G,S) (Lord Matthews) N Henderson 7-11-5 ... M A Fitzgerald
5 3FF2 FRONT LINE 25 (J J O'Neill) J J O'Neill 7-11-5 ... N Williamson 70
6 001312 SEON 7 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (C Hunter Ltd) W Bentley 9-11-5 ... L Wyer 69
1 P11 HOPS AND POPS 19 (D,F,G,S) (B Dennett) R Ainte 7-11-0 ... S Earle 83

BETTING: 5-4 Current Express, 6-4 Native Mission, 10-1 Hops And Pops, 12-1 Country Lad, 16-1 others.

1993: SYBILLIN 1-11-12 M Dwyer (2-5 fav) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

NATIVE MISSION beat Belfron 5l in 6-runner grade I novice chase at Newcastle (3m 110y, heavy) with COUNTRY LAD (7lb better off) 1l away 3rd. CURRENT EXPRESS beat Baydon Star a head in novice chase at Kempton (2m, good to soft). FRONT LINE 4l 2nd to Nakir in a novice chase over course and distance (soft).
Selection: NATIVE MISSION (nap)

3.45 ROSELAND GROUP CITY TRIAL HURDLE (Limited handicap: £4,728: 2m) (5 runners) C4

1 U112FF COULTON 18 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (G Shouler) M W Easterby 7-12-0 ... M Dwyer
2 12-24F HIGHBROOK 47 (G) (D) (N Cook) M Tompkins 5-10-7 ... A Maguire 98
3 3P543- PHILS PRIDE 315 (G,S) (A Bowman) Jimmy Fitzgerald 10-10-7 ... P Niven 82
4 11-123 STRATH ROYAL 21 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Lady A Bentinck) O Brennan 9-10-7 ... M Brennan 91
5 111622 NORTHERN SADDLER 2 (D,F,G,S) (R Evans) R Hodges 7-10-7 ... G McCourt 87

Long handicap: Highbrook 10-2, Phils Pride 9-11, Strath Royal 9-1, Northern Saddler 9-0.

BETTING: 5-4 Coulton, 7-4 Highbrook, 7-1 Strath Royal, 9-1 Phils Pride, 10-1 Northern Saddler.

1993: COULTON 9-12-0 M Dwyer (4-7 fav) M W Easterby 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

COULTON beat Duke Of Monmouth 2l in a 5-runner handicap hurdle (this race) over course and distance (good) last February. Useful novice chaser returns to hurdles. HIGHBROOK neck 2nd of 12 to Land Afar in the grade III William Hill Handicap Hurdle at Sandown (3m 110yds, good to soft). PHILS PRIDE 18l 3rd of 5 to Dooker in a handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, heavy). STRATH ROYAL 8l 3rd of 16 to Do Knows Best in a handicap hurdle at Doncaster (2m 4f, good to soft). NORTHERN SADDLER 3l 2nd of 7 to Edinbourg in a handicap hurdle at Sandown (3m 110yds, soft).
Selection: HIGHBROOK

4.15 LETHEBY & CHRISTOPHER HANDICAP CHASE (£3,080: 3m 110yd) (7 runners) C4

1 0-5UF2 IRISH BAY 12 (B,F,G,S) (R Shaw) C Egerton 8-11-10 ... J Railton 86
2 2F24-P WOODY WILL 26 (F) (Arabates Cricket Club) O Sherwood 8-11-9 ... J McCarthy (3) 89
3 21P-1U2 YOUNG MINER 25 (G,S) (Mrs T McInnes Skinner) Mrs T McInnes Skinner 8-11-5 ... G Upton 96
4 12/ ROYAL SUNSHINE 999 (G) (J Sumner) Mrs I McKie 9-11-0 ... L Harvey
5 3241-1 ASTINGS 64 (S) (W Farrell) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-0 ... M Dwyer 97
6 P42022 LITTLE GENERAL 17 (C,BF,F) (Tim Harrington) R Rowe 11-10-13 ... A Maguire
7 140334 UNDER OFFER 22 (B,D,G,S) (Mrs S Douglas-Pennant) J King 13-10-3 ... Mr C Hancock (7)

BETTING: 9-4 Astings, 11-4 Little General, 7-2 Irish Bay, 9-2 Young Miner, 14-1 others.

1993: MUSTHAVEASWIG 7-10-12 R Dunwoody (5-6 fav) D Nicholson 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

IRISH BAY neck 2nd of 5 to Lucky Lane in a novice chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yds, soft). WOODY WILL best effort 3½l 2nd of 9 to Tammy's Friend in a novice handicap chase at Uttoxeter (3m 5f, good to firm) last May. YOUNG MINER 15l 2nd of 12 to Stradeen Leader in a handicap chase over course and distance (soft). ROYAL SUNSHINE neck 2nd of 9 to Takeover in a novice hunter chase at Huntington (3m, good to firm). ASTINGS beat Midday Show 12l in a 6-runner novice handicap chase at Market Rasen (2m 4f, soft). LITTLE GENERAL 5l 2nd of 8 to Ghotar in a handicap chase at Windsor (3m, good to soft).
Selection: ASTINGS

4.45 NOTTINGHAM OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,571: 2m) (18 runners) C4

1 0-1 DUNNOHALM 71 (G) (Mrs J Smith) Mrs J Ramsden 5-11-5 ... Mr S Swiers
2 06 BANOFF 14 (W Hancock) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-3 ... M Dwyer
3 BARTON SANTA (Mrs H Clarke) K Bailey 5-11-3 ... N Williamson
4 0 CRADLERS 120 (Mrs J Powell) R Rowe 6-11-3 ... Mr C Burnett-Wells (5)
5 DABALARK (H Bibbey) F White 5-11-3 ... A O'Hagan
6 GOTT TO APPROACH (Roach Foods Limited) D Nicholson 6-11-3 ... M Keighley (5)
7 NOW YOUNG MAN (Mrs A Swinbank) Mrs A Swinbank 5-11-3 ... J Railton
8 OPERA TALENT (Mrs D Osborne) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-11-3 ... G Tormey (7)
9 2 PETE THE PARSON 11 (W Sturt) J Old 5-11-3 ... T Grantham
10 TIR NA NOG (Mrs S Shelly) Mrs L Shelly 5-11-3 ... Mr J O'Shaughnessy (7)
11 ELANDS CASTLE (Mrs V Pearson) M Wilkinson 6-10-12 ... P Ward (7)
12 LOVELARK (H Bibbey) F White 5-10-12 ... V Smith
13 0- MARY KNOLL 294 (J Needham) J Needham 8-10-12 ... Mr P Hanly (7)
14 0 MY LISA TOO 21 (M Tierney) M Byrcroft 5-10-12 ... R Garritty
15 2 WHO IS EQUINAME 21 (BF) (Equiname Ltd) D Eddy 4-10-7 ... A Maguire
16 CAVINA (P Jacobs) N Graham 4-10-2 ... L Wyer
17 0 CHIEF LADY NICOLA 35 (Mrs P Willcocks) J McConnochie 4-10-2 ... E Tolhurst (7)
18 SHAMELESS LADY (Travail Employment Group Ltd) G Ham 4-10-2 ... S Mackey

BETTING: 3-1 Dunnohalm, 7-2 Pete The Parson, 4-1 Who Is Equiname, 8-1 Barton Santa, 10-1 others.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

DUNNOHALM beat Sidddaw Samba 2l in a 17-runner National Hunt Flat race at Doncaster (2m 110y, good). BANOFF 30l 6th of 20 to Feels Like Gold in a National Hunt Flat race at Wetherby (2m, soft). CRADLERS 28l 8th of 24 to Mister Nevo in a National Hunt Flat race in a National Hunt Flat race at Newbury (2m 110y, good). PETE THE PARSON 1½l 2nd of 20 to Bear Claw in a National Hunt Flat race in Warwick (2m, soft). WHO IS EQUINAME 1½l 2nd of 14 to Naughty Equiname in a National Hunt Flat race at Ayr (2m, soft).
Selection: PETE THE PARSON

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
C Egerton	4	10	40.0	G McCourt	16	70	22.9
N Henderson	9	33	27.3	P Niven	9	42	21.4
Mrs I McKie	3	13	23.1	R Guest	4	19	21.1
M W Easterby	3	14	21.4	S Turner	4	21	19.0
R Hodges	5	25	20.0	G Upton	3	18	16.7
Jimmy Fitzgerald	9	48	18.4	M Dwyer	13	80	16.3

WINDSOR

THUNDERER

1.50 No Pain No Gain
2.25 Poppets Pet
2.55 My Ballyboy
3.25 Zeta's Lad
3.55 Sailors Luck
4.25 Island Jewel

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.55 MY BALLYBOY.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY ON STANDS' BEND) SIS

1.50 EBF KING JOHN NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier: £2,268: 2m) (11 runners)

101 2-1 NO PAIN NO GAIN 17 (CD,S) (Mrs B Curley) B Curley 6-11-10 ... E Murphy 93
102 2-312 RAMALLAH 23 (S) (Maidens Green Acres) J White 5-11-10 ... W McFarland 81
103 220-1F SPIRIT IN THE NITE 9 (CD,G) (Mrs T Pillington) J Gifford 5-11-5 ... D Murphy
104 0-4P CELTIC LAIRD 47 (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-0 ... I Lawrance 84
105 000 SO AUDACIOUS 72 (Mrs O Fletcher) N Gaselee 6-11-0 ... R Supple 59
106 0- ARANSON MIST 358 (Mrs C Lewis) Mrs N Sharpe 5-10-9 ... M Bosley
107 0 ARCHIE'S SISTER 35 (B Clifford) R Dickin 5-10-9 ... D Meredith (3)
108 0 DO LETS 35 (The Cockatoo Partnership) C Crowe 5-10-9 ... M Perrett
109 1- FINALLY FANTAZIA 268 (S) (P Burton) Mrs I McKie 5-10-9 ... R J Beggan
110 550-000 FORTUNES COURSE 47 (Mrs A Garratt) J King 5-10-9 ... J Kavanagh 73
111 54-3203 SPREAD YOUR WINGS 9 (T Whitley) O Gandolfo 6-10-9 ... J Osborne 98

BETTING: 11-4 Spirit In The Nite, 3-1 No Pain No Gain, 7-2 Ramallah, 11-2 Spread Your Wings, 10-1 Finally Fantazia, 14-1 Celtic Laird, 20-1 others.

1993: LACKENDARA 0-11-0 J Osborne (15-2) Miss H Knight 12 ran

2.25 MAGNA CARTA NOVICES CHASE (£2,721: 2m 5f) (12 runners)

201 3532-31 JOHNNY WILL 10 (G) (Lord Chelsea) Miss H Knight 9-11-10 ... J Osborne 98
202 F13355 POPPETS PET 21 (D,F,G) (D Lind) J Mullins 7-11-10 ... S Curran (5) 94
203 053-FF3 BUCKSLIGHT 11 (Mrs C H Ambrobus) I Foster 8-11-3 ... B Fenwick (3)
204 F2F02/3- DISCO DUKE 478 (F) (Mrs S Weaver) A Moore 9-11-3 ... J Claxton (7) 75
205 36P-FP4 HERMES HARVEST 15 (Miss B Palmer) D Williams 6-11-3 ... A Thornton (5)
206 146-443 MR MATT 18 (S) (Mrs E Boucher) O Grissell 8-11-3 ... Peter Hobbs
207 2 NEW GHOST 17 (S) (G Giddings) G Giddings 9-11-3 ... Mr S Muleaire (7) 96
208 50/46-60 THE PORTSOY LOON 31 (Mrs E Cressman) G Thorner 7-11-3 ... O Bridgwater
209 103/35P TIMUR'S KING 28 (S) (Lord Leverhulme) S Mellor 7-11-3 ... M Perrett
210 65P533 KETTI 14 (V,D,F,G,S) (Berkshire Commercial Components) O Williams 9-10-12 ... D Murphy 92
211 P0/6PP-P PENIARTH 14 (P Davenport) Mrs N Sharpe 9-10-12 ... V Slattery
212 0 PINE VALE 35 (Mrs D J Huss) G Balding 9-10-12 ... S Fox (7)

BETTING: 2-1 Johnny Will, 7-2 Poppets Pet, 5-1 Mr Matt, 13-2 Ketti, 9-1 New Ghost, 12-1 Bucklight, Timur's King, 16-1 others.

1993: CHAMPAGNE LAD 7-10-12 P Hide (4-5 fav) J Gifford 7 ran

2.55 HATCH BRIDGE HURDLE (4-Y-O: £5,173: 2m) (7 runners) C4

301 111F62 MY BALLYBOY 21 (D,G,S) (A Bailey) A Bailey 11-2 ... S Smith Eccles (5)
302 S114 RICH LIFE 53 (D,G) (Mrs S Gray) C Weedon 11-2 ... Peter Hobbs 81
303 2251 HOSTILE WITNESS 11 (V,D,S) (The Pink Panther) P Hedger 10-12 ... M Richards 87
304 050110 SHARED GOLD 35 (D,S) (P Dent) J Bosley 10-12 ... M Bosley 83
305 14P BAJAN AFFAIR 36 (CD,G) (Leading Star Racing) Miss L Siddall 10-7 ... A Thornton 68
306 0 CLEAR LOOK 29 (D & S Brasher) Miss H Knight 10-7 ... J Osborne
307 62 FOREVER SHINEING 17 (M Foy) S Mellor 10-1 ... M Perrett 80

BETTING: 9-4 Hostile Witness, 3-1 My Ballyboy, 1-2 Rich Life, 1-1 Bajan Affair, 10-1 Forever Shineing, Shared Gold, 16-1 Clear Look.

1993: STORM DUST 10-12 S Smith Eccles (11-8 fav) J Fanshawe 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

MY BALLYBOY 3l 2nd of 7 to Pridewell in the grade II Foodbroker Finesse Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, soft). RICH LIFE beat Heretical Miss 20l in a 15-runner novice hurdle at Fontwell on penultimate start (2m 2f, good). HOSTILE WITNESS beat Prime of Life 4l in a 9-runner novice hurdle at Warwick (2m, soft). SHARED GOLD beat Danger Baby 1l in an 8-runner novice handicap hurdle at Nottingham on penultimate start (2m, soft). BAJAN AFFAIR's best effort beat Chiappucci 11½l in a 21-runner novice hurdle over course and distance (good), with SHARED GOLD 16½l 5th. FOREVER SHINEING 8l 2nd of 15 to First Avenue in a novice hurdle over course and distance (good to soft).
Selection: MY BALLYBOY

3.25 FAIRLAWNE CHASE (£8,052: 3m) (4 runners) C4

401 40-02U0 GOLD OPTIONS 53 (B,F,G,S) (J McCaghy) P McCreery 12-11-12 ... J Osborne 91
402 3-64512 ZETA'S LAD 14 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (A Cohen) J Upson 11-11-12 ... R Supple
403 1F1-13P BLACK HUMOUR 54 (D,F,G,S) (Lady Lloyd Webber) C Brooks 10-11-8 ... G Bradley 93
404 4114/5P TOBY TOBIAS 21 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 12-11-4 ... D Murphy

BETTING: Evens Zeta's Lad, 5-2 Toby Tobias, 9-1 Black Humour, 7-1 Gold Options.

1993: ZETA'S LAD 10-11-4 J Kavanagh (7-4) J Upson 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

GOLD OPTIONS put up his best recent effort 11l 2nd of 5 to Cool Spy in a handicap chase at Fairyhouse (2m 2f, yielding). ZETA'S LAD 1l 2nd of 5 to Second Schedual in the grade II Agfa Diamond Handicap Chase at Sandown (3m 110yd, soft). Previously, beat Run For Free head in the 6-runner grade II Peter Marsh Handicap Chase at Haydock (3m, soft). BLACK HUMOUR 5½l 3rd of 9 to Cogent in the grade III Hennessy Cognac Handicap Chase at Newbury on penultimate start (3m 2f 110yd, good), with ZETA'S LAD 5l 4th. TOBY TOBIAS 11l 3rd of 6 to Deep Sensation in the John Bull Chase at Wincanton on reappearance (3m 5f, good to soft) Missed last season.
Selection: BLACK HUMOUR

3.55 STAINES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,882: 2m) (5 runners)

501 P443VF- NOS NA GAOITHE 313 (D,G,S) (P Green) N Walker 11-11-10 ... R Marley 95
502 1-26132 THAT'S THE LIFE 91 (D,F,G) (A Oxer) T George 9-11-10 ... Y Jenks (3) 91
503 11F5F1 SAILORS LUCK 14 (CD,G,S) (G Greenwood) P Murphy 9-11-5 ... E Murphy
504 2-32341 SARTORIUS 12 (D,G,S) (M Popham) T Thomson Jones 8-11-1 ... J Osborne 93
505 2P3114 COTAPAXI 73 (D,F,G) (Mrs B Lock) R Hodges 9-10-0 ... A Tory 90

Long handicap: Cotapaxi 9-13.

BETTING: 2-1 Sailors, 5-2 Sailors Luck, 11-4 That's The Life, 9-1 Cotapaxi, 10-1 Nos Na Gaoithe.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.25 RUNNYMEDE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,495: 2m) (8 runners)

601 23-5131 EASTHORPE 49 (CD,G,S) (M Brougham) Miss H Knight 6-11-11 ... J Osborne 93
602 422-623 ISLAND JEWEL 11 (D,BF,S) (M Cartwright) J Bosley 6-11-0 ... M Bosley 93
603 631-603 SURE PRIDE 25F (F,S) (J Smith Ltd) A Moore 8-10-13 ... J Clarke (7) 92
604 04221- STATE OF AFFAIRS 209F (D,S) (Mrs B Sarmer) C Horgan 7-10-13 ... R J Beggan 99
605 1U112 FURAMBULEN 574 (D,BF,F,G) (Mrs J Grant) N Walker 7-10-10 ... R Marley
606 111224/ J BRAND 682 (D,G,S) (T Pasquale) R Hodges 7-10-10 ... A Tory
607 223242 SOLEIL DANCER 15 (CD,S) (Mrs J Gidd) O Grissell 6-10-9 ... Peter Hobbs
608 435- ROCK LEGEND 15F (Mrs T Harrison) J Sheehan 5-10-5 ... R Supple 93

BETTING: 5-2 Easthorpe, 3-1 Island Jewel, 5-1 Soleil Dancer, 7-1 State Of Affairs, 14-1 Rock Legend, Sure Pride, 16-1 Furambulen, J Brand, others.

1993: SOLEIL DANCER 5-10-1 Peter Hobbs (15-2) O Grissell 7 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Runs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J Upson	3	10	30.0	J Osborne	13	70	18.6
P Hedger	8	32	25.0	M Richards	12	76	15.8
Miss H Knight	7	31	22.6	D Bridgwater	3	22	13.6
Mrs J Pitman	10	47	21.3	Peter Hobbs	6	45	13.3
O Grissell	5	25	20.0	M Perrett	5	43	11.6
N Gaselee	3	27	11.1	E Murphy	3	26	11.5

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Sandown Park

Going: good to soft (chase course); soft (hurdles)

1.40 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Hawaiian Youth (G McCourt, 6-1); 2, Slipmatic (10-1); 3, Dutch Monarch (20-1). Rose King 11-8 fav. 18 ran. Nk, 12l. R Rowe. Tote: £6.60; £2.30, £2.70, £3.80. DF: £33.30. Trio: £109.00. CSF: £60.83.

2.10 (3m ch) 1, Uncle Ernie (M Dwyer, 11-10 fav); 2, Young Snugfit (5-4); 3, Setter Country (6-1). 3 ran. 9l, dist. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £2.10. DF: £1.40. CSF: £2.58

2.40 (3m 110yd ch) 1, The Widget Man (P Hide, 10-11 fav); 2, Indian Tonic (9-4); 3, The Leggat (33-1). 4 ran. 10l, dist. J Gifford. Tote: £1.90. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.13

3.15 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Miss Purbeck (S Fox, 20-1); 2, Caribou Gold (4-1); 3, Sunset And Vine (2-1 fav). 10 ran. 6l, 5l. Mrs J Retter. Tote: £35.50; £4.50, £2.00, £1.60. DF: £212.60. Trio: £134.30. CSF: £92.04. Tricast: £215.03.

3.45 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Coonawara (B Powell, 1-3 fav); 2, Los Buccaneros (10-1); 3, Couldn't Be Better (7-2). 3 ran. 20l, 2l. T Forster. Tote: £1.30. DF: £1.80. CSF: £3.05

4.20 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Bagalino (M Perrett, 6-1); 2, Edithmead (5-1); 3, Erdcule (2-1 fav). 9 ran. Nk, 1½l. G Harwood. Tote: £7.10; £2.10, £1.60, £1.30. DF: £15.70. CSF: £34.34.

4.55 (2m 110yd flat) 1, Go Ballistic (R Massey, 25-1); 2, Nahla (33-1); 3, Killone Abbot (6-4 fav). 22 ran. ¾l, 5l. D Nicholson. Tote: £22.30; £5.40, £6.90, £1.30. DF: £1,216.90. Trio: not won. CSF: £654.70.

Jackpot: £4,855.50 (0.2 winning tickets. Pool of £5,245.68 carried forward to Windsor today).

Placepot: £59.10.

Fakenham

Going: good

2.10 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Pinecone Peter (M Brennan, 100-30); 2, Nagobella (2-1 fav); 3, Moriarty (5-1). 9 ran. 8l, 2½l. O Brennan. Tote: £2.80; £1.20, £1.50, £1.70. DF: £4.30. Trio: £9.90. CSF: £10.30. Tricast: £29.36.

2.40 (3m ch) 1, New Helen (R Bellamy, 11-2); 2, Sandybraes (7-2); 3, Notary-Nowell (33-1). Tochenka 7-4 fav. 7 ran. Dist, 25l. A James. Tote: £4.70; £1.80, £2.00. DF: £7.10. CSF: £23.91

3.10 (2m 5f) 1, Coiled Spring (A Maguire, 13-8); 2, Chief Ragar (8-11 fav); 3, Ramewood (10-1). 8 ran. 15l, 5l. O Nicholson. Tote: £2.70; £1.20, £1.10, £1.10. DF: £1.60. CSF: £3.15.

3.40 (3m ch) 1, Master Jolson (A Maguire, 7-4 fav); 2, Sally's Gem (2-1); 3, Brabazon (20-1). 12 ran. 2½l, nk. D Nicholson. Tote: £3.00; £1.30, £1.90, £4.50. DF: £5.10. Trio: £63.60. CSF: £6.73. After a Stewards enquiry the result stood.

4.10 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Killinny Cross (Mr J Greenall, 9-4 fav); 2, Man O'Magic (6-1); 3, Houghton (6-1). 13 ran. 2l, 12l. Miss C Saunders. Tote: £3.10; £1.60, £2.60, £2.10. DF: £21.50. CSF: £19.40.

4.40 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Zealous Kitten (J McCarthy, 7-1); 2, Child Of The Mist (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Eden's Close (7-1). Rally 3-1 jt-fav. 7 ran. 7l, 1l. R Price. Tote: £6.70; £2.90, £2.90. DF: £9.10. CSF: £28.52.

Placepot: £18.20.

Southwell

Going: standard

2.00 (1m 6f) 1, Bottles (K Rutter, 25-1); 2, Absalom's Pillar (14-1); 3, Explosive Speed (6-1); 4, Well And Truly (8-1). Moonshine Dance 9-4 fav. 16 ran. 3l, 2l. J Banks. Tote: £28.00; £3.20, £2.40, £1.20, £3.00. DF: £157.30. Trio: £240.80. CSF: £317.61. Tricast: £2,161.58.

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Round-the-world race enters crucial stage

Aiming to clip two days off record for reaching Horn

Lawrie Smith, skipper of *Intrum Justitia*, prepares to run the gauntlet of growlers and Kiwis

THE FORECAST for the start of the fourth leg of the Whitbread Round the World Race tonight is for strong to gale-force westerly winds, just the conditions to sling-shot the fleet of yachts down into the Roaring Forties and temper the enthusiasm of local sailors, who turn out in anything that floats and cram Auckland harbour to the gills.

Four years ago, Roger Nilson, the initial skipper of *Intrum Justitia*, lost the mizzen mast off the back of his yacht after hooking up with a spectator boat and we on *Rothmans* had several close shaves with over-eager New Zealand onlookers.

Our first aim on *Intrum* is to run this gauntlet in safety, then push hard for the Roaring Forties latitudes and continue the sleigh ride through the Southern Ocean.

Intrum was the fastest on the second leg across the Indian Ocean from Uruguay to Fremantle, when we set the Omega record for the best 24-hour run of 425 miles. With four new sails aboard for this, the most rugged leg, we should be able to keep the pressure up.

We have 19 hours to make up on Chris Dickson's *Tokio*, our rival Whitbread 60 and leader of the race, over this second half. That is quite a challenge and we have had to go through the boat with a fine tooth-comb, throwing out anything that is not essential, to keep weight to a minimum. Out have gone all spares, food rations are limited and the crew can take little more than what they stand up in. All this has resulted in a saving of 100kg — equivalent to one extra man.

In this race four years ago, the weather was calm, but, looking at the weather maps, we can expect a rougher ride this time. We will be sailing as far down as 62°S, inside the ice limits and where the wind-chill factor drops temperatures well below freezing.

Threading our way through a fleet of sailing-mad Kiwis is one thing; running a gauntlet past icebergs is quite another. Nobody has hit a berg in this race, but there have been some very close shaves.

With that in mind, we have re-located our radar on the mast two metres higher to provide better warning. Even so, this is no defence against "growlers", the smaller lumps of ice that barely break the surface.

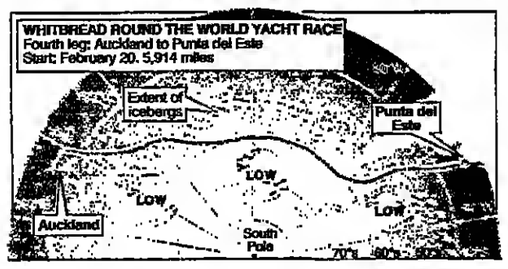
The real race is to Cape Horn, for whoever reaches the Atlantic first is unlikely to lose that lead on the drag race north to Punta del Este, in Uruguay. The Horn is one of the biggest attractions of this race, that and surfing full-bore before a westerly gale through the Southern Ocean. We hope to clip up to two days off the 18-day record to the Horn set four years ago by Peter Blake's *Steinlager 2*.

The Horn, however, acts as a funnel for the waters and wind and the Venturi effect can lead to 70-100 knot storms in the run-in towards South America. Nobody on *Intrum Justitia* is under any illusion. We want to be first, but we want to get round in one piece.

☐ Chris Dickson, the skipper of *Tokio*, the leading yacht in the Whitbread 60 class, said yesterday that the boat he respects most on the 5,914-mile leg round Cape Horn is *Intrum Justitia* (Malcolm McKeag writes). "*Intrum* is the boat we have been looking to in fresh-air running," the New Zealand skipper said. "They are the ones that, every time it blows 40 or 50 knots, have been putting miles on us."Dickson has brought in Dick Heck, the American downwind helmsman, to replace Joe English, the Irishman.

There have been changes on *Intrum*, too. Gunnar Krantz, one of Smith's watch leaders walked out on the campaign yesterday following differences with his skipper. "I'm leaving because there is no room for differences in a project like this," he said. He is replaced by Marco Constant, of Holland.

Other crew changes for the fourth leg include Godfrey Cray, *Yamaha's* former navigator, who has joined the American entry, *Winston*, in the absence of Dennis Conner, while Sue Crafter, the Briton who stood down from Dawn Riley's all-women crew for the third leg, is back aboard *Heineken*. The record for the leg of 22 days 17 hours is expected to be broken.



POSITIONS (after three legs): Whitbread 60 class: 1, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ) 69days 11hr 25min; 2, Yamaha (R Field, NZ) 64:05:06; 3, Winston (D Conner and B Butterworth, US) 64:05:27; 4, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp) 64:06:19; 5, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur) 64:06:34; 6, Brookfield (G Maisto, It) 70:12:08; 7, Heineken (D Riley, US) 71:21:01; 8, Hetman Sahaidachny (E Platon, Uk) 73:12:55; 9, Dolphin and Youth Challenge (M Humphreys, GB) 73:16:5; 10, Odessa (A Verba, Uk) 90:21:34. Maxi class: 1, New Zealand Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ) 63:11:25; 2, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz) 64:05:19; 3, La Poste (E Tabarly, Fr) 65:10:35; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru) 77:08:45.

Feminine touch marks boxing's new era

Robinson gets ready for tonight's bout. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Andrew Longmore assesses whether women pugilists are a body blow for chauvinists or triumph for feminists

On a housing estate in Wolverhampton, where outsiders' cars tend to develop brick wheels, a slip of a girl is preparing to attack the last bastion of male-dominated sport. At 5ft 4in and 8st, Cheryl Robinson does not seem the ideal build for breaking down barricades, but, in her company, you have to be careful with your prejudices. Tonight, in the hallowed venue of the York Hall in Bethnal Green, east London, Robinson will box for six two-minute rounds for the British women's bantamweight title on the first all-women's boxing bill staged in Britain.

One way or another, this is an historic night, a chance for the small but enthusiastic band of women boxers to enter an exclusion zone and play havoc with the male psyche, a chance for those whose vision of women in boxing stretches as far as the legs on the ring-card girls, to have assumptions confirmed. The only other attempts at women's boxing have been hijacked by the sex-and-sleaze merchants for alehouse bores.

This is the real thing, sanctioned by the Miami-based Women's International Boxing Federation (WIBF) and watched by its president, Barbara Buttrick, the Henry Cooper of women's boxing, who was an undefeated flyweight in the Fifties.

Yet almost everyone at York Hall tonight will be viewing the spectacle through tinted glasses, which has lent an element of crusade to the venture not helped by the Amateur Boxing Association's (ABA) absurd edict that women can train in boxing gyms, but cannot spar or box.

"That's a load of nonsense. It's like saying there's a swimming pool full of water, but you can't swim in it," Jimmy Finn, the promoter, said. "These girls are simply athletes who want to box. They could be playing croquet, but girls are taught not to be aggressive, so boxing is considered to be unnatural." Or worse.

"Most people think we must be lesbians because boxing is not a ladylike thing to do," Pauline Dixon, one of the co-promoters, said. Or worse. "There's a belief that you can get breast cancer from being hit. There's no evidence for it. Women can take punches the same as men." The boxers have the choice of wearing breastpads and groin protectors anyway.

Dixon, an aerobics teacher and part-time trainer, took years to pluck up the courage to go down to her local gym in Streatham: "I thought I would be laughed at, but I became hooked on it, if you'll pardon the pun," she said. "I think most of the men thought I would be there for just five minutes." Three years later, she is still there, the guiding light in a flickering movement.

In a converted backroom of a council house, Cheryl Robinson fits none of the stereotypes either. She is 26, a mother, works for the council as a personnel assistant, regards football as "too boyish", yet has wrung respect from the other inmates of the Trojan Gym for her dedication and toughness. They have learnt the hard way that the waif in their midst packs a punch.

"To begin with, the men wouldn't spar with me; now they do," she said. "I always try to get in a good blow early, to let them know I'm there. If they hit me too hard, I'll say so and vice versa. My strength is my speed. I'm quicker than some of them and have better technique."

She trained as a kick-boxer first, winning five of her seven bouts and has only recently turned to boxing. If she wins, she will earn a week's rent at most, so what is the appeal? "I don't know. Why do women want to do flower-arranging? I'm not the type who wants to fight on the streets. I like the fitness aspect and knowing how to defend myself." She does not give a damn as to what people think. "It's what I want to do."

"The Met Office says variable winds rising to gale force in an easterly direction."

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Chirpy Mitchell overcomes adversity

FROM MEL WEBB IN BADAJOZ, SPAIN

TAKE a pair of wonky knees, a rich Japanese and an American golfing legend and what comes out of the mixer is a tournament leader with a tale to tell. Peter Mitchell, a chirpy Londoner from the Old Kent Road, had his second 69 to take the lead after the second round of the Extremadura Open at Golf Guadiana on 138, six under par, and then spoke of his travails and triumphs of the past 12 months.

Mitchell has a one-stroke advantage over Guiseppe Cali, with Terry Price, Miguel-Angel Jiménez, Lee Westwood and Mathias Gronberg a further shot behind, and is playing his third tournament since surgery on frayed cartilages in both knees in November.

He did not hit a ball for more than two months after the operation and, even now, the knees ache after a round, but the discomfort counts for nought compared with the agony endured during most of last year. The problem became acute in late spring and he never did himself justice after that, although he still played well enough to earn nearly $136,000 (about £93,000) for 47th place in the money-list.

On a happier note, Mitchell is coming to the end of a successful first year of attachment to the luxurious London Club near Brands Hatch. Masao Nagahara, the multi-millionaire owner of the club, made a commitment to employ local people when he built the club and Mitchell, who lives near Ashford, less than 40 minutes' drive away, fitted the bill perfectly when Nagahara was casting his net for a tournament professional.

The club was designed by Jack Nicklaus, who was also responsible for the Gut Altentann course, near Salzburg, where Mitchell secured his only tournament victory, in the Austrian Open in 1992. "I've never met Jack," Mitchell, after his four-birdie round, said. "He's coming to the London Club on Monday, but I won't be there. Still, he's playing in the Andalusian Open next week so perhaps I'll get the chance to play with him there. At least we'd have something in common, even if it's only the golf club."

Mitchell's target is to win another tournament, but a more immediate concern is the need to pick up some prize-money. He spent $4,500 on a first-class ticket for himself and a more economical berth for his caddie to Dubai and Thailand in his first two appearances of the season and did not win a bean, although he missed the cut by only a narrow margin each time. If he keeps up the form he has shown in the first two rounds here, he could be left seeking new goals a good deal earlier than he expected.

LEADING SECOND-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 138: P Mitchell 69, 69. 139: G Cali (It) 71, 68. 140: T Price (Aus) 69, 71; M-A Jiménez (Sp) 67, 73; L Westwood 68, 72; M Gronberg (Swe) 73, 67. 141: P Hedblom (Swe) 72, 69; J Rivero (Sp) 71, 70; P Mayo 70, 71; P Eales 72, 69; I Garvas (Sp) 73, 68. 142: J Payne 72, 70; A Coltart 68, 74. 143: N Joakimides (Fr) 72, 71; J-M Cañizares (Sp) 70, 73; J Robson 70, 73; P-U Johansson (Swe) 73, 70; N Henning (SA) 72, 71; S Bottomley 71, 72; A Hunter 73, 70; D Curry 70, 73; K Waters 71, 72. 144: S McAllister 71, 73; O R Jones 73, 71; K Eriksson (Swe) 72, 72; A Cejka (Ger) 76, 68; M Wills 71, 73.

145: W Malley (US) 74, 71; M Krentz (Swe) 73, 72; B Barnes 75, 70; O Williams 71, 74; I Garbutt 69, 76; I Garrido (Sp) 71, 74; P Talbot 69, 76; J-M Arruti (Sp) 72, 73; P Moloney (Aus) 72, 73; J-M Cañles (Sp) 74, 71; I Spencer 74, 71. 146: R Mann 70, 76; S van Vuuren (SA) 73, 73; R Willison 77, 69; M Bessonneau (Fr) 76, 70; C Lauratti (Ven) 73, 73; E Giraud (Fr) 73, 69; M-A Martin (Sp) 74, 72; I Palmer (SA) 73, 73; P Linhart (Sp) 74, 72; A Sherborne 72, 74; Y Beamonte (Sp) 75, 71; G Hjertstedt (Swe) 72, 74; J Robinson 73, 73.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New Jersey 117 Boston 98; New York 102 Cleveland 95; Miami 115 Seattle 112; Washington 109 Minnesota 105; San Antonio 115 Detroit 96; Indiana 84 Dallas 73; Golden State 119 Atlanta 115.
BUDWEISSER LEAGUE: Birmingham 84 (Harrell 29) Chester 72 (Gardner 19).
EUROPEAN MEN'S CLUBS' CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final series: Group A: Real Madrid 104 Guildford 75 (Polls 15); Benetton Treviso (It) 83 Bayer Leverkusen (Ger) 72. Group B: Virtus Bologna 88 Cantu (It) 57, Pau-Orthez (Fr) 75 Panathinaikos Athens 70; Cibona Zagreb 72, Efes Pilsen Istanbul 57.

CRICKET

NAIROBI, ICC Trophy: Holland 235-8 (N Clarke 119 not out); Ireland 165 in 48 overs. Malaysia 253-4 (D Talalla 112 not out, E Seah 62); Gibraltar 119-9 (T Buzaglo 49); Singapore 120, Israel 121-8, Kenya 198, Namibia 178.

BOXING

DAGENHAM: British welterweight championship (12 rnds): Del Bryan (Nottingham, holder) ko Derek Grainger (West Ham) 7th. Light-middleweight (8 rnds): James Robinson (West Ham) ko Steve Scott (Chorley) 2nd. Heavy (6 rnds): Dermot Gascoyne (Bexleyheath) bt John Keaton (Sheffield) rsc 1st.

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Arsenal 2, Ipswich 3.
DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Bishop's Stortford 1 Walton and H 0.
SPANISH CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Real Betis 0 Real Zaragoza 1.
FAI HARP LAGER CUP: First round, replay: Dundalk 4 Galway United 3 (aet).
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 1 Sunderland 1, Notts County 1 Sheffield Wednesday 1.
FA YOUTH CUP: Third round, replay: Bradford City 4 Blackburn 0.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: South-east England county championship: Kent 0, Middlesex 2; Suffolk 0, Hertfordshire 2.

GOLF

INDIAN WELLS, California: Bob Hope Classic: Second round (US unless stated): 129: S Hoch 68, 62. 131: K Clearwater 67, 64. 132: J Mudd 65, 68. 133: G Bores 66, 67, S Burns 67, 66; P Stankowski 67, 66; J Gallagher 66, 67; O Martin 67, 66; H Sutton 63, 70.
MELBOURNE: Australian Masters, second round (Aus unless stated): 140: E Els (SA) 70, 70; P Burke (US) 69, 71. 141: R Swanson 71, 70; P Teravainen 71, 70. 142: S Owen (NZ) 70, 72; K Tomori (Japan) 70, 72; L Westie 71, 71.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Pittsburgh 6 Hartford 4; Tampa Bay 4 Montreal 3; Toronto 2 New Jersey 1; Vancouver 4 Chicago 2; Quebec 6 San Jose 2.
INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE: Second leg: Great Britain 1 Lada Togliatti (Russ) 4 (agg: 4-5) (at Basingstoke).

RUGBY UNION

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England A 29, Ireland A 14.
BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Whitley 3 Durham 9. First division: Dunmow 9 Paisley 11.

TABLE TENNIS

CREWE: European women's league: Super division: Final, first leg: Germany bt England 4-1 (England names first): L Lomas lost J Schopp 21-23, 14-21; A Holt lost to N Struse 21-18, 8-21, 9-21; N Deston lost to O Nemes 12-21, 12-21; Lomas and Holt bt Schopp and Nemes 21-16, 21-13; Lomas lost to Struse 15-21, 18-21.

TENNIS

PARIS: Women's tournament: Second round: M Navratilova bt L Golarsa (It) 6-0, 6-2; S Appelmans (Bel) bt K Quentrec (Fr) 6-2, 6-1; L Meskhi (Geo) bt P Langrova (Cz) 7-5, 6-0; K Maleeva (Bul) bt K Kschwendt (Ger) 6-2, 6-2; W Probst bt O Monami (Bel) 6-3, 6-0; J Halard (Fr) bt S Cecchini (It) 6-4, 6-4.
STUTTGART: Men's tournament: Second round: S Becker (Ger) bt A Volkov (Russ) 7-5, 7-5; S Bruguera (Sp) bt Y Kafelnikov (Russ) 1-6, 7-6, 6-1; A Bootsch (Fr) bt K Novacek (Cz) 6-3, 7-6; M Gustafsson (Swe) bt C-U Steeb (Ger) 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt C Costa (Sp) 6-3, 4-6, 6-0.
PHILADELPHIA: Men's indoor tournament, Second round: J Courier (US) bt D Rach (US) 6-1, 6-3; M Chang (US) bt J Hlasek (Switz) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; J Stark (US) bt I Lendl (US) 6-3, ret.

SKI REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Igls	10	65	good	varied	worn	sun	0	17/2
(Still good skiing on all mid and upper slopes)								
Obergurgl	105	155	good	crust	fair	fine	-2	11/2
(Excellent skiing throughout resort)								
Schladming	50	150	good	powder	icy	sun	0	17/2
(Excellent skiing with new snow in brilliant sunshine)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	140	240	good	varied	good	sun	-12	15/2
(Excellent skiing at all levels)								
Flaine	120	325	good	varied	fair	sun	3	15/2
(Still plenty of good skiing for all standards)								
S Chevalier	50	165	good	varied	good	fine	2	14/2
(Excellent piste skiing at all levels)								
Tignes	135	280	good	varied	good	fine	-5	10/2
(Another day of glorious skiing)								
Val Thorens	140	300	good	varied	good	fine	-2	10/2
(Excellent snow still, thanks to cold temperatures)								
ITALY								
Livigno	100	210	good	varied	good	sun	-7	11/2
(Good skiing on most pistes, some icy patches)								
Trysil	150	200	good	varied	good	sun	-6	14/2
(Very good skiing everywhere)								
SWITZERLAND								
C Montana	40	150	good	varied	good	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Still good skiing everywhere once snow ha[illegible])								
Grindelwald	30	125	good	crust	wo[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Mainly excellent skiing though so[illegible])								
Mürren	70	160	good	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
(Good skiing [illegible])								

Source: Ski Club of Great Brita[illegible]

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Welsh must find inspiration without Evans

By Gerald Davies

WHEN Ieuan Evans's embattled Welsh team embarked on this year's five nations' championship, the confidence of Wales was not altogether behind his team, although he had much personal support. This has changed. Such a difference in mood has been wrought as a result of Wales's two victories, which have taken them to the top of the table, an inconceivable thought in November after their embarrassing defeat by Canada.

But with Wales about to play France this afternoon at Cardiff Arms Park in the first of two remaining confrontations against teams with the biggest reputations, Evans can join them only in spirit. His shoulder injury, sustained in the match against Ireland, failed to mend in time and he will have to sit out the match, nervously, in the stands.

Of not least interest, therefore, for Wales, before they contemplate what the French are likely to offer, is how they will manage without their match-winning wing and, as is turning out, their inspiring captain.

Evans has come to reflect the defiant spirit of a team determined to pull itself together. In the delicate act of their progress — there have been only hints so far, not firm conviction — they could have done without this particular botheration.

Gareth Llewellyn has the task of seeing how much more Wales can feed their suddenly optimistic crowd. To confuse matters, the Welsh selectors introduced a problem of their own making. Having dropped Anthony Clement from full back on the valid ground that he has not performed well in the last two games and brought in Mike Rayer, of Cradiff, instead, they then

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reintroduced the Swansea full back into the team at centre when Nigel Davies failed his fitness test.

Quite how it was determined that his poor form in his chosen position made Clement suitable for another palce is a curiosity. In fact, he gained his first cap in that position for Wales against the United States in 1987, hut those were the days he played at stand off-half. He is destined, it seems, to be an itinerant player.

Wales must hope that he will prove as adaptable as the French players invariably prove to be. France's only change, Emil M'Tamack, plays either at full back or wing for his club, Toulouse, and wins his place on the right wing in his first championship match instead of Bernat Salles, who was injured earlier this week.

The French arrive in Cardiff with a record over the last nine months that, though not unblemished, has seen them develop apace with good performances against South Africa last summer and, more recently, against Australia, Romania and Ireland.

Nevertheless, there remains doubt once the French leave Parc de Princes. All countries prefer their own turf, but of all of them it is France who exaggerate most the gulf between home and away performances. They will play their sweetest at home and dance to a Parisian tune. Yet they will play elsewhere as if clay was hanging on the soles of their feet.

Although Wales have not won in Cardiff since 1982, French victories have been by narrow enough margins to encourage the sudden hope where no such hope exists in Paris.

History weighs heavily in favour of France and so does the technical balance. They have a big and proven pack of forwards, although, as Ireland found, they are prone to error and infringements. In expectaöon of the steamroller effect, driving through and over the opposition, the Welsh must devise tactics to destroy this power. No passive resistance or damage limitatioo frame of mind will do.

In an age when sizeism in rugby is stretching matters too far, as it were, it would indeed be a shot in the game's arm if a team began and won by outthinking the other. Big men, after all, do not like to have to run too far or too often.

TODAY'S TEAMS IN CARDIFF

WALES		FRANCE
M A Rayer (Cardiff)	15	J-L Sadourny (Colomiers)
S O Hill (Cardiff)	14	E N'Tamack (Toulouse)
M R Hall (Cardiff)	13	P Sella (Agen)
A Clement (Swansea)	12	T Lacroix (Dax)
N Walker (Cardiff)	11	P Saint-André (Montferrand)
N R Jenkins (Pontypridd)	10	A Penaud (Brive)
R H Stu B Moon (Llanelli)	9	F Galthié (Colomiers)
R L Evans (Llanelli)	1	L Armary (Lourdes)
G R Jenkins (Swansea)	2	J-M Gonzales (Bayonne)
J D Davies (Neath)	3	P Gallart (Béziers)
E W Lewis (Llanelli)	8	P Benetton (Agen)
P T Davies (Llanelli)	4	O Merle (Grenoble)
G O Llewellyn (Neath, captain)	5	O Roumat (Dax, captain)
M A Perego (Llanelli)	7	A Benazzi (Agen)
L S Quinnell (Llanelli)	8	M Cecillon (Bourgoin)

Referee: L L McLachlan (NZ)

Replacements: 18 R N Jones (Swansea), 17 I W Jones (Llanelli), 18 R C McBryde (Swansea), 19 H Williams-Jones (Llanelli), 20 H T Taylor (Cardiff), 21 A H Copsey (Llanelli).

Replacements: 16 W Techoueyres (SBUC), 17 P Montaur (Agen), 18 A Macablau (Perpignan), 19 X Blond (Racing Club), 20 L Loppy (Toulon), 21 S Graou (Auch).

Jenkins the Twitch conquers nerves

Simon Barnes talks to the prolific Wales stand-off half who has overcome rugby's equivalent of the yips

The yips: an elegant, almost onomatopoeic golfing term, one that signifies a twitch when performing a physical task under pressure — the missed two-foot putt, the missed open goal, the incurable false start, the bowler who loses his run-up, the darts player who cannot let go of the dart.

Peter Alliss, the broadcaster and former golfer, said of the yips: "Of one thing I am certain: once you've got them, you've always got them and you will always have them." Which brings us to Neil Jenkins, the Welsh stand-off half: Jenkins the Twitch.

One can admire the diamond-hard will of titanic performers who seem never to have suffered a doubt in their lives. They possess an enviable self-certainty, sometimes at the price of a certain coarseness, a certain insensitivity. Such people are at once both more and less than the rest of us, easy to admire, hard to identify with.

Yet perhaps one can find still more to admire in players who have tasted the despair of the yips, who have made public fools of themselves and who have then come back stronger than before. Jenkins the Twitch is among this number.

The Welsh revival in rugby union has been, in recent years, a tale of colossal expectations and bitter recriminations. Count that double for a stand-off half. Wales used nine stand-offs from January 1963 to December 1988, eight from January 1989 to the present.

Jenkins had to carry a full load of recriminations when his goal-kicking suffered a dreadful attack of the yips against the Irish last year: ten attempts, seven misses. Cost them the game. "My confidence was shot to pieces, it was one of the most miserable days of my life," he said.

The Jenkins speech has something of the Molly Bloom soliloquy, substituting Welsh and rugby for Irish and sex. With punctuation imposed and the voice soft and naggingly tuneful: "I had a bit of stick in the Press, like, and I decided, like I would stick up for myself, really. I was pretty fed up with people criticising me all the time. I wasn't keen on speaking to anybody, to be truthful.

"They kept the press away from me, and that gave me a little breathing space to think about what to do, and how to change things, and make me a better player. And the criticism seemed to help me, really, it seemed to drive me on and prove people wrong."

Two weeks ago, Jenkins had a colossal game for Wales against the Irish, scoring all the points in the 17-15 victory in Dublin: four kicks from six and, wonder of a wonders, a try, busting a front-on half-tackle with the zest of a rugby league player. Jenkins's uncomplicated elation afterwards was of the kind you can sometimes touch after drinking half-a-bottle of champagne in ten minutes on an empty stomach.

His goal-kicking had returned to the studied accuracy that is required to make scoring capital of a side's grunting and running. In the Heineken League this season, he has scored 244 points for Pontypridd in 16 matches.

Jenkins has worked out an ineffably-lengthy kicking ritual after studying videos of the metronumic New Zealander, Grant Fox. He has added to this an idiosyncratic twitch of the right arm just before he launches into his run-up — "I don't know why I do it. I don't know I am doing it, to tell the truth to you."

It is an odd business, this incessant kicking at an open goal — a cool skill in a hot game. Naturally, the pre-kick ritual is designed to help temperature adjustment. "The thing is, the best goal-kickers, they can miss three or four in a row, then they step up for a crucial kick and they hang it between the sticks, like. Hopefully, I'm getting towards that."

Jenkins began his goal-kicking duties against the Irish last time with a miss. "My head could have dropped from that point," he said. "Last year, it might have done. I could have been a very disappointed person, but I know what I can do myself and I know one kick doesn't mean anything."

Conquering self-doubt is, perhaps, the hardest trick in sport: "Tell the little person inside your head, the one saying you're no good, you're not going to kick it, tell him not to bother, like. And carry on. It's difficult, really."

That counts double if you are saddled with the expectations of any Welshman that puts on a No 10 shirt. First capped at 19 against England and still only 22, Jenkins is not your classic Welsh stand-off. They have even messed about playing him at centre, like putting Devon Malcolm at third man and hoping the ball will not come to him. He makes his twentieth appearance against France today, his thirteenth at stand-off.

Jenkins lacks elegance, elusiveness, charisma: stiff and upright, he lacks all the fluid athleticism you associate with a Welsh stand-off. Yet there are very few marks for aristic impression in rugby union.

At 5ft 10in and 13st, he has muscled his way into the Welsh side, as he muscled his way through for his try against Ireland. Lacking extravagant gifts, his career has been marked by the overcoming of obstacles.

Forget subtlety. Jenkins has the straightforward effectiveness of the lead piping in a Cluedo set.

DAVID ROGERS

Jenkins scored all 17 points for Wales when they beat Ireland two weeks ago

Ojomoh's persistence pays off

David Hands traces the background of the latest England recruit, who will make his debut against Ireland at Twickenham today

A FORTNIGHT ago, Steve Ojomoh had one leg out of his tracksuit at Murrayfield as Ben Clarke, his colleague for club and country, received lengthy treatment during the Calcutta Cup match. It would be awful, he thought, if the nearest he should come to an England cap was this brief appearance on the touchline.

There was no obvious reason for Ojomoh to believe that this would be his season. Dean Richards was back in favour as England No 8, Clarke was on the flank but ready and able to play No 8 and Tim Rodber was pressing hard. Ojomoh, born in Nigeria, could not even make the Bath first XV.

How circumstances change. Elbow injuries to Richards and Clarke created the vacancy that Ojomoh occupies against Ireland at Twickenham today. He takes his place in the greenest back row England have put together since the 1968 championship, when the selection process brought together three debutants — Bryan West, Peter Bell and another Bath player, David Gay — for the match against Wales.

It is, though, the reward for persistence. Ojomoh, 23, has always been an outstanding games player. He was such a good all-round athlete at West Buckland School in Devon that he once contemplated trying for a sports scholarship in the United States as a decathlete.

As a rugby player in the England schools and colts teams, his power and speed had coaches purring with pleasure. When he joined the Bath academy of excellence, his upward rise seemed assured, except that nobody was quite certain where to play him amid the galaxy of back-row talent at the club.

At 6ft 2in and just short of 16st, he seemed a natural blind-side flanker, but that position was substantially filled by John Hall. Despite his superb standing jump, he did not seem quite tall enough for No 8 and, anyway, David Egerton and Ben Clarke stood in the way.

Last season, the England management perceived him as a new-age open-side flanker, the position occupied by Andy Robinson at Bath with such distinction. England wanted to play him at No 7, but could they drop Neil Back, the Leicester dynamo?

They could, but, invariably, injuries forced the use of Ojomoh elsewhere — as in the tour match against Canada last summer, when Rodber was injured in training before a game was played and Ojomoh took over at No 8.

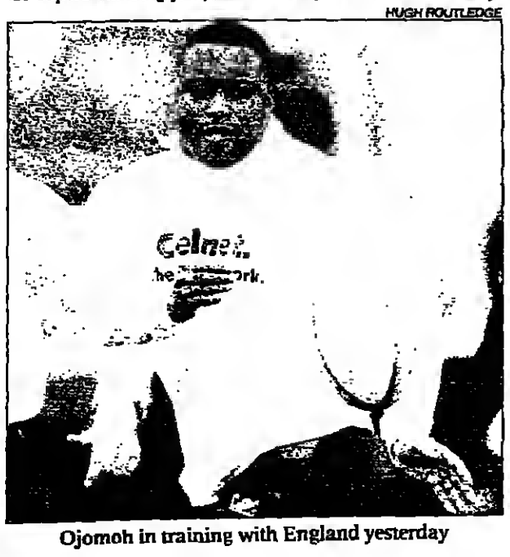
"It's nice to be getting my first cap in the position I feel most at home in," Ojomoh said yesterday. "At No 8, you get the ball in your hands more frequently. That's what I like doing, running with the ball."

He does so to considerable effect because he is so swiftly into his stride, punching forward across the gain line and exploding into the opposition. He has learned, too, from the company he has kept at Bath, but, even so, he had played only a couple of the club's competitive games before Christmas this season.

It was the much-abused divisional championship that kept his name to the fore, proved that representative selectors were still interested and helped project him into the Bath back row as a first choice after Christmas.

The match with Scotland was his first appearance on England's senior bench and now comes the senior debut, which seemed far away two months ago. He, Rodber and Back have trained as a unit for little more than two hours although, as Ojomoh points out, he has played with Back in five A team matches. "The finest back row to have played for England," Geoff Cooke, the manager, said this week. Now, you might say, the A team has become *The A Team*.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Ojomoh in training with England yesterday

Diprose excels as England pull clear

England A	29
Ireland A	14

By David Hands

ALL the strengths and weaknesses of the English game were on display at Richmond yesterday in the curtain-raiser to the main fare at Twickenham: the power and physique, the enthusiasm and a lack of tactical judgment that left so much good approach work unrewarded.

Victory by a goal, two tries, three penalty goals and a dropped goal to a try, two penalty goals and a dropped goal at least allowed England to build on their slim success over Italy in Piacenza earlier this month, but they must rid themselves of over-elaboration and put more trust in the speed of their elusive runners.

Not that Ireland made life easy. Two years ago, they lost this fixture by 32 points, but this time they offered a combative unit and a predatory back row.

If one player took the eye for England, it was Diprose, the Saracens flanker. There were times when the ball seemed tied to him by a string. He was secure at the lineout and, had he more confidence in his drives close to the Irish line, would have been rewarded with more than one try.

He and Jenkins were a rare handful for the defence, but the backs found difficulty finishing. Nevertheless, there was seldom any doubt that England would win once they had turned round 15-14 ahead to play with the wind.

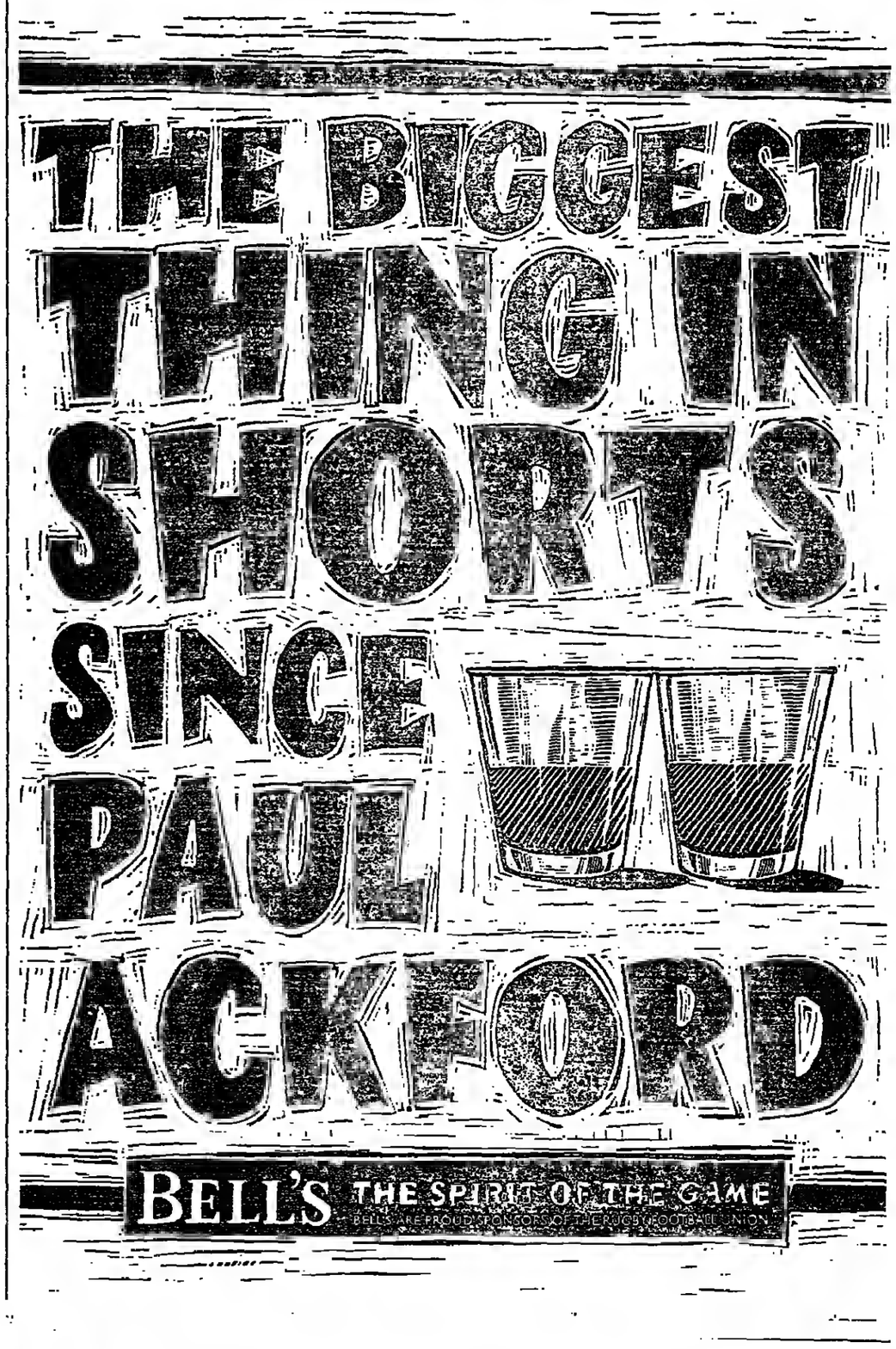
The lead changed hands three times before the interval, but, in the second half, England stretched slowly away, Challinor peppering the Irish posts with a variety of kicks.

SCORERS: England A: Tries: Diprose, Ryan, Dawson. Conversion: Challinor. Penalty goals: Challinor (3). Dropped goal: Challinor. Ireland A: Try: McKee. Penalty goals: Humphreys (2). Dropped goal: Humphreys.

ENGLAND A: P Hull (Bristol), N Beal (Northampton), S Potter (Leicester), O Hopley (Wasps), A Adebayo (Bath), P Challinor (Harlequins), M Dawson (Northampton), G Clark (Bath), K Dunn (Wasps), J Mallett (Bath), A Diprose (Saracens), N Redman (Bath), A Blackmore (Bristol), R Jenkins (London Irish), O Ryan (Wasps, captain).

IRELAND A: J Staples (London Irish), T Howe (Dungannon), B Walsh (Cork Const), M McCall (Bangor), N Woods (Blackrock Coll), O Humphreys (Queen's Univ, Belfast), A Rolland (Blackrock Coll), P Soden (Cork Const), J McDonald (Malone, captain), P Millar (Ballymena), P Hogan (Garryowen), J Etheridge (Blackrock Coll), O Tweed (Ballymena), K McKee (Instonians), R Wilson (Instonians). Tweed replaced by V Costello (St Mary's Coll, 74min).

Referee: D Gillet (Fr); replaced by O Sainsbury (London, 5min).



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Saturday portrait: Richie Richardson by Andrew Longmore

Heir to charismatic tradition starts to build his own legend

For someone who has spent much of his career chasing an illustrious shadow, Richie Richardson, the captain of the West Indies cricket team, has proved very much his own man since stepping into the light. While Vivian Richards held sway in the Caribbean, Richardson could only be, as his name suggests, the son of the master, second best. Not that the relationship between the two has always been amicable or straightforward.

When the triumphant Leeward Islands team returned to Antigua as champions of the Caribbean for the first time in a decade four years ago, Richards was furious that his compatriot and protégé, who had led the side for most of the matches in Richards's absence, should be interviewed first. The king was not going to be dethroned so fast, even by one of his closest subjects.

Yet Richardson did succeed his fellow Antiguan, though not without the traditional inter-island squabbling, and today will lead his side in the first Test against England in Jamaica in front of the crowd that booed him all the way to the wicket on his home debut as captain two years ago. Five victories, two of them, against South Africa and Australia, gained by the narrowest of margins, four draws and one defeat later, Richardson can feel truly free from the yoke of his predecessor.

Having painfully but successfully exorcised the ghosts of the old guard and united a predominantly young side behind him, Richardson has established an authority only catastrophic defeat by England over the next two months could challenge. Above all, he now has a calypso named after him, which is the ultimate accolade in the Caribbean.

At the age of 32, ten years after his international debut, Richardson is at the height of his powers, popular with his players, respected by his opponents, acknowledged by a notoriously fickle public to be a worthy inheritor of the great tradition of West Indian batsmanship. He has not compromised either, weathering the hostility of Barbadians, who wanted their own Desmond Haynes to be captain, and the Jamaicans, who blamed him for the failure to qualify for the final stages of the last World Cup.

Richardson responds to both praise and criticism with the merest hint of a smile. He is not given to extremes of emotion, would no more be found berating a journalist in the press box — as Richards did on one celebrated occasion in Antigua four years ago — than he would be caught in the field without his broad-brimmed maroon sunhat or performing elaborate war dances at the fall of a wicket.

The Australian cricket writers were so overwhelmed by Richardson's unfailing cooperation and good humour during last winter's tour that they presented him with a special award. Ironic, then, that Richardson had symbolised the unsmiling face of West Indian cricket earlier in his career.

> 'It is a worrying possibility for England that the best of Richardson might be to come'

From his teenage years, sternness and discipline rather than outstanding natural talent marked Richardson out from the rest. He was always destined to captain his country, but at football not cricket. Football was the dominant sport in the tiny village of Five Islands where he was brought up by his mother, Elfreda. Yet there was no cricket pitch, just a road, which divided the family's yellow bungalow from a broad expanse of grassland and which doubled as a pitch. The topography, wall on one side, wide-open space on the other, encouraged the cut and the hook, Richardson's trademark shots.

Yet, until he became subject to the instinctive pressures of a cricket-daft island, Richardson concentrated on his football. He was a strong, athletic, determined midfield player, an early member of the Five Islands side which went on to win the island championship five times in eight years. He opened the bowling for Ottos Comprehensive School, but his skill as a batsman had not yet been advertised on the Antiguan grapevine.

"I was quite shocked when I saw him play cricket for the first time," Victor Michael, a local businessman and Richardson's mentor, said. "I knew him as a footballer. I'd never seen him hold a bat, but there he was, aged about 14, standing correctly, holding the bat right and looking good."

From that moment, Richardson's sporting career was settled. In Antigua, football is a pastime, cricket is a necessity. Well-oiled wheels were set in motion. Richardson was taken into the coaching programme run by Guy Yearwood, a council officer, and toured England with the West Indian schools side in 1978. "He was quiet, very determined, confident, but there was not a lot of bravado about him even then," Yearwood, who is now Antigua's vice-consul in Toronto, said. "He was a typical West Indian batsman, always looking for a challenge. Above all, he was coachable. On the whole, in Antigua, we don't like coaching, but he would listen and that was unusual."

After following Richards to Somerset and playing for Neath in the Welsh League, he made his first-class debut in 1982 (bowled Garner 0) and played his first Test a year later against India, in Bombay.

Then, suddenly, inexplicably, it became more difficult. The technique loosely fashioned by softball cricket among the potholes in Five Islands was found to be flawed, particularly against spin and late swing. Richardson's feet were leaden and he did not have the phenomenal eye of Richards to counter the fault.

When the West Indies toured England in 1984, Richardson was dropped after the first one-day international and spent a forlorn summer on the balcony. Typically, Richardson worked at his game and to such effect that, ten years on, he has 15 Test centuries to his name and an average that hovers round 40, the benchmark of a great player. But he still has a score to settle with English conditions, which has been heightened by a mediocre first county season with Yorkshire last summer.

He no longer has to emulate Richards. He is very different from Richards, but the comparisons would have buried weaker men. Richardson is gentler, less volatile, less prone to wear his heart on his sleeve, more likely to take out his anger on his guitar than his team, but ruthless enough when he has needed to be.

He is accused of being weak, of being an Establishment lackey, but, despite the immense pressures from above and below, Richardson never turned back to the dissidents, Gordon Greenidge, Jeffrey Dujon or Malcolm Marshall, during the traumatic early days of his captaincy. Critics say he is overrated as a batsman, makes his runs of fast flat wickets, not when it matters.

He will never equal Richards as a batsman nor as a captain, but he can surpass him in other ways. He has retained the common touch and still lives in the family house in Five Islands, two doors down from Lorraine's hairdressing salon, 150 yards from the graveyard where his mother and father, who died when he was six, are buried.

The only concession to his new status is a vast satellite dish in the garden and a smart car in the driveway. The whole village turned out to celebrate his appointment as captain in September 1991, with prayer-readings, bugles, tributes and a menu of suckling pig, curried goat and flying fish. Yet, as Richardson knows well, the West Indian people can stomach anything, except defeat by England.

Underdogs proving difficult to control

By Christopher Irvine

IT IS not just at the top of the Stones Bitter Championship that the ability gap in rugby league is narrowing. The defeat of Wigan in midweek by Wakefield Trinity was further evidence of the advance being made by teams at the lower end of the first division.

Wakefield, who are thirteenth, have also beaten Warrington, the championship leaders, while, for a side apparently doomed to relegation, the young Leigh team has had some notable moments, including a recent win against St Helens. Salford and Hull Kingston Rovers, too, have embarrassed their theoretical betters more than once.

By continuing to blame the referee for his side's demise, John Dorahy, the Wigan coach, has turned a drama into a crisis. The ordered calm at Central Park is wearing thin. Not since the demolition of St Helens on Boxing Day have the champions performed with any conviction.

Indeed, the evidence of two defeats, including the hammering by Castleford in the Regal Trophy final and the close call at Hull last Sunday in the Challenge Cup, suggests something is fundamentally amiss. For the first time in recent memory, jeers rang around Wigan's ground last Wednesday.

The home match with Salford tomorrow has acquired a new significance. Five of Wigan's eight international absentees against Wakefield look set to return, but Va'aiga Tuigamala, who has a cheek bone injury, and Martin Dermott are doubtful.

Bradford Northern, with two games in hand on Warrington, will not underestimate Hull Kingston Rovers at Odsal, having lost to the Humberside club last October, even though their form has been the most consistent of the leading contenders.

Having parted with Peter Tunks, the coach, and with their future at the Watersheddings in doubt, Oldham, now under Bob Lindner, will be looking for a boost against Widnes.

Jansen finds gold with world record in last-chance race

From David Miller in Hamar

IF PROOF were needed that the standing of the Olympic Games still ranks above all other competitions, it came with Dan Jansen's victory here in the men's 1,000 metres speed skating event. The man, the performance and the audience conspired to create one of the most memorable occasions it has been my pleasure to witness at 12 winter or summer Games.

Not only did Jansen, denied his just reward at three previous Winter Games, and then again in the 500 metres on Monday, finally triumph in what was certainly his last Olympic race. Not only did he do so with a world record at a distance that is not his speciality, with a will that refused to succumb to intolerable self-doubt over the past four days. Not only did he achieve a private tribute to the sister who died just before the Games in Calgary, in which he was to fall twice.

He won with such a mixture of tangible relief and overwhelming happiness that an entire stadium of 12,000 people, most Norwegians, responded as though he were one of their own. For Jansen, this one prize, as he would later state, counted for more than all the other records and championships and World Cup victories and it was something he could not, for the moment, measure.

As he crossed the line and saw the record time of 1min 12.43sec flash on the screen, he elasped his bands to his head and held them there as he coasted on round the track, momentarily alone. When he walked out for the medal presentation, he had less the look of a victor than of a hostage unexpectedly released. A hostage to bad luck.

Jansen: biggest prize

His demeanour spoke of gratitude more than triumph. The last champion I can remember with such an expression was Mary Peters when she won the pentathlon at Munich in 1972 — a feeling that a rare kind of honour was being granted.

As Jansen stood upon the dais and received the gold medal from Anita DeFrantz, the United States member of the International Olympic Committee and former rowing medal-winner, he looked down at it and held it almost disbelievingly. You knew that in the intervening hours since the failure on Monday he had not dared to believe it would happen, not when the man now standing next to him as silver medal-winner, Igor Zhelezovsky, of Belorus, was the acknowledged master at this distance.

As the Stars and Stripes were raised, Jansen's eyes were half-smiling, half-swimming in tears. And then came the most touching finale. The lights of the Viking Stadium dimmed and the victor set off on a lap of honour hand-in-hand with Kristin and Haakon, the Games' mascots. Halfway down the finishing straight, his eight-month-old daughter, Jane, named after his sister, was passed into his arms and gracefully the four of them circled the rink in time to Strauss's *Skater's Waltz*. Another perfect touch by the host nation.

It was a genuinely sensational race. Zhelezovsky, in the first pair out, set an Olympic record of 1min 12.72sec. In the second race, Grunde Njos, of Norway, a potential medal-winner, crashed violently into the barriers on the second bend.

Then came Jansen and Junichi Inoue, of Japan, fourth pair out, with the crowd fiercely exhorting the American. His split-times, unusually fast, brought a fever-pitch of expectation for something way beyond the ordinary. Yet twice Jansen nearly slipped, although not as seriously as in the 500 metres. When the finishing time was seen, the crowd was still applauding when the next pair were halfway through their run.

Zhelezovsky said the victory was deserved for the way Jansen had been skating in the past two months. No polite gesture this, but the recognition of a rival's claim.

The past three days, Jansen admitted, had been difficult, mentally: "I don't know why it worked out," he said, still in a daze. "It's a little bit ironic that I should beat Igor whose been dominant as long as I can remember at the 1,000."

Yes, he reflected, the Olympics were different from everything else for their rarity. Ever since Monday, he and his coach had talked of one thing: the last 200 metres. "I seemed to get to that point and have a mental block," Jansen said, "and I didn't feel good today when I got on the ice, my timing was off so I didn't push too hard. I was very surprised. I was so fast to the 600 mark."

RESULTS FROM THE WINTER OLYMPICS

BIATHLON

WOMEN: 15km: 1, M Bedard (Can) 52min 06.6sec; 2, A Briand (Fr) 52:53.3; 3, U Disl (Ger) 53:15.3; 4, S Paramygina (Belor) 53:21.3; 5, C Nogier (Fr) 53:38.1; 6, M Jacobova (Slovakia) 53:56.4; 7, N Permakova (Belo) 53:59.2; 8, K Pim (Aus) 54:10.1; 9, A Harvey (Can) 54:12.4; 10, L Nowkova (Russ) 54:18.2

SPEED SKATING

MEN: 1,000m: 1, D Jansen (US) 1min 12.43sec (world record); 2, I Zhelezovsky (Belo) 1:12.72; 3, S Klevchenya (Russ) 1:12.85; 4, Lu Hongbo Lu (China) 1:13.47; 5, S Bouchard (Can) 1:13.56; 6, P Kelly (Can) 1:13.67; 7, R Sihgen (Nor) 1:13.74; 8, J Inoue (Japan) 1:13.75; 9, G van Velde (Holl) 1:13.81; 10, K Scott (Can) 1:13.82

NORDIC SKIING

COMBINED: Ski jumping: 1, F Scorro Lundberg (Nor) first jump 92.5m, second jump 92.5m; 247.0pts; 2, A Markvardt (Est) 192.5m, 91.0m at 23sec; 240.5; 3, B Engen Vik (Nor) 191.5m, 92.0m at 43s; 240.5; 4, T Kono (Japan) 191.0m, 92.5m, 50; 235.5; 5, T Lederer (Cz) 192.0m, 87.0m, 1:40; 232.0; 6, K Ohmeda (Japan) 189.0m, 88.0m, 1:45; 231.0; 7, J-Y Cuendet (Switz) 188.0m, 88.0m, 2:40; 232.0; 8, J Kogawa (Japan) 190.5m, 83.0m, 2:56; 226.5; 9, H Kempf (Switz) 184.0m, 87.5m, 3:23; 216.5; 10, J Marnila (Fin) 186.0, 85.5, 3:43; 213.5

ICE SKATING

MEN: Technical programme: 1, A Lomakin (Russ) 0.5pts; 2, E Stojko (Can) 1.0; 3, P Barondeno (Fr) 1.5; 4, S Davis (US) 2.0; 5, O Tatarkov (Russ) 2.5; 6, E Micoli (Fr) 3.0; 7, S Cousins (GB) 3.5; 8, E Bofanti (US) 4.0; 9, V Fefelov (Ukr) 4.5; 10, S Britten (Can) 5.0

LUGE

MEN: Doubles: 1, K Brugger and W Huber (It) 1min 36.705sec (48.348sec and 48.357sec); 2, H Raffl and N Huber (It) 1:36.769 (48.274, 48.495); 3, S Krausse and J Behrendt (Ger) 1:36.945 (48.364, 48.581); 4, M Gramiccia and J Edwards (US) 1:37.289 (48.617, 48.672); 5, C Thorpe and J Sliwa (US) 1:37.296 (48.571, 48.725); 6, I Apostol and C-L Cropa (Rom) 1:37.323 (48.647, 48.676); 7, A Cormchenko and A Demkin (Russ) 1:37.477 (48.655, 48.822); equal 8, R Gasper and C Ives (Can) 1:37.691 (48.899, 48.792) and I Urbansky and A Makhin (Ukr) 1:37.691 (48.728, 48.963)

ICE HOCKEY

POOL A: Germany 4 Russia 2
POOL B: Canada 3 United States 3

TODAY

All times GMT

09.00: Bobsleigh, two-man first and second runs
09.30: Nordic combined, individual 15km cross country
10.00: Skeng, women's downhill
11.30: Cross country skiing, men's 15km free pursuit
13.00: Speed skating, women's 500m.
14.00: Ice hockey, Canada v Slovakia.
16.30: Ice hockey, Italy v France.
18.00: Ice skating, men's free programme
19.00: Ice hockey, US v Sweden.
TELEVISION: BBC1: 12.15-17.15, 18.55; BBC2: 09.45-11.00, 20.10-22.05

Crestfallen England find colourful explanation

Simon Barnes
On Saturday

AT LAST, the real reason for England's failure to qualify for the World Cup finals is made public: it comes down to the wrong kind of paint on the dressing-room walls and the removal of a samurai warrior.

Both dressing-rooms at Wembley stadium were decorated with the picture of a sword-flourishing samurai, but the then England manager, Graham Taylor, took one look, said to himself "Do I not like that" and had the one in the home dressing-room removed, replacing it with the Fotball Association crest. The samurai stayed in the away dressing-room, inspiring the Dutch and the Norwegians towards qualification.

The home dressing-room is decorated in red, white and blue, but Mary Spillaine, described as a "colour consultant" in the FA's magazine, *FC*, said: "The colour of the environment has a definite effect on emotions, pulse-rate and behaviour."

Torquay United painted their away dressing-room pink, to inspire effeminate responses in their opponents, but since they avoided relegation by just four places, it was, at best, a qualified success. Dorothy Sun, of the Living Colour consultancy, said that pink "relaxes players in a positive way and binds a team together".

Best colours for home dressing-room: orange for "uninibited physical drive" and yellow for "a sense of intelligence and brightness". Best colours for your opponents: black "creates fear and depression", brown "makes them sluggish" and white "leaves nervous players isolated".

Stars and hype

The United States has elevated the cult of the star into something more like the cult of the black hole. Without Michael Jordan, basketball and the Chicago Bulls were supposed to collapse; without Mario Lemieux, ice hockey and the Pittsburgh Penguins surely could not survive. Perhaps we will see the emergence of the cult of more terrestrial qualities.

The starless Bulls are leading the central division of the National Basketball Association: the non-stellar Penguins are a point off the lead in the North East conference of the National Hockey League. Meanwhile, Lemieux is struggling with a bad back and Jordan is trying to play baseball at the White Sox training camp in Sarasota, Florida.

Brave defence

Not everyone can react to criticism with indifference. Goalkeeper of the week, Walter Zenga, of Internazionale and Italy, responded to villification from the fans by writing them an open letter, which was read out on television by his wife, who is a television person.

Zenga: open letter

Zenga writes of his team: "Men who have often saved you from great disappointment, men who have given and who still give their finest moments to this jersey, men who have always left the pitch with their heads held high, men who have rejoiced and suffered together with you, dear fans, and who do not deserve this nastiness ... you, dear fans, have insulted, attacked and denigrated them."

Artistic links

Art and rugby union are unlikely bedfellows, but Twickenham is trying, even though this seems "as hard a task as explaining the amateur regulations," as one observer said. Last December, they unveiled a 12ft sculpture by Tommy Steele, called *Union* and showing two rugby players, "one of whom seems somewhat headless, rather like England at Murrayfield," my increasingly acid observer added.

Now I hear that the Rugby Football Union commissioned an oil painting to commemorate November's defeat of the All Blacks. Terence Macklin has produced a work showing Tony Underwood being denied a try by John Timu. I trust thoughts of his immortalisation will inspire Underwood this afternoon.

Brushed aside

Congratulations, through gritted teeth, to the artist, Mim Hain, who, with Walter Houser, won the Beryl Cook Trophy at the Chelsea Arts Club table tennis tournament last weekend. Impossibly, they beat the pairing of this column and Jess Wilder, of the Portal Gallery, in a pulsating semi-final. My forehand was going like a dream, but was it art?

Correction

My item about "Springer" (January 15) contained a number of errors. He is not banned for life from Bristol City football ground. Also, his wife, not he, successfully bid in the GWR radio Christmas appeal to become the station's match analyst for the game against Nottingham Forest. Nor was he led away after the game by police. I apologise for these inaccuracies.

Wimbledon hoping to halt United's treble bid

By Rob Hughes, Football Correspondent

WIMBLEDON, the archetypal cup spoilers, lie in wait to scupper Manchester United's unique treble attempt tomorrow. Because they compete in the same league, a victory may not seem such a romanoc upheaval as, say, Kidderminster Harriers knocking West Ham United out of the FA Cup fifth round at Aggborough this afternoon.

With respect, Kidderminster's would be a triumph of hope over experience, but Wimbledon are in a category of their own. Theirs is an enduring tilt against the odds. Week after week, year after year, they summon up the spirit to defy odds that become a once-in-a-lifetime boast to others.

Wimbledon have belonged to the élite for eight years. They have, frankly, been the runt of the FA Carling Premiership, a league that would not voluntarily have them as a member. Yet they won the FA Cup in 1988, have since sold three-quarters of that team and, despite losing about £5,000 a week, manage to live comfortably in the leading division.

If only Wimbledon could be loved for what they do. Alas, there is an unacceptable face to their boldness. It is the thread of violence, of intimidation, laced into their game. Sadly, United are just the opponents to meet violence in kind.

That would sound incredulous were it not for the spiteful misbehaviour from Eric Cantona, the new captain of France, who oeedlessly kicked two Norwich City players in the last round.

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, did not condemn Cantona's fouls and merefy made excuses when Mark Hughes was sent off at Sheffield United in the third round. Add to this the fact that, when Ferguson was a complaining witness six years ago, when a vendetta between John Fashanu, of Wimbledon, and Viv Anderson, of United, ended with a combination of punches from Fashanu, the whole affair was dismissed by Sam Hammam, the Wimbledon owner, as "a trivial matter".

Trivial, no doubt, to Hammam. He takes pride in calling his players "street fighters" and more commendable pride in the ability of his teams to rub into the ground clubs such as United. Yet under Hammam, and the managers he so astutely acquires, there is a fearlessness in Wimbledon that defies everything.

They have no thoroughbreds, no Ryan Giggs or Andrei Kanchelskis on the wings, but they do have in defence the redoubtable John Scales, more than likely to become another £2 million profit when the time is right to sell. They have something else, too — in Fashanu and Gary Blissett, Wimbledon have a centre forward partnership that has literally elbowed aside opponents that get in their way.

Moreover, Fashanu and Vinnie Jones have each put a fellow professional out of football altogether by their tackles — Fashanu on John O'Neill, of Norwich, and Jones on Gary Stevens, of Tottenham Hotspur. That takes some of the Cinderella tale out of Jones's rise from £100-a-week hod carrier to £3,000-a-week footballer.

Their explanation that those are the unintended repercussions of gladiatorial combat are dubious, especially when Jones chooses, as he did in the build-up to the 1988 FA Cup final, to threaten an opponent like Dalglish with the infamous words: "I'll tear off his ear and spit in the hole."

It is hard, indeed, to love the "Crazy Gang", but Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, at times develops in the "long-ball" team a sweeter flower of football than normally expected.

And how gratifying when he decides, as he did last week, to train his professionals, morning and afternoon, without any of the moans you would get at more sophisticated clubs.

United will attempt to match Wimbledon's seething desire to be winners tomorrow. United have lost only twice in 41 games, each coming last September when Ferguson deliberately left players out of the games away to Chelsea and Stoke City.

Those statisocs suggest the treble is on, but there is one side that has beaten United at Old Trafford in the last 16 months — Wimbledon.

Jones: gladiator

Manager keeping cool head amidst Cup fever

By Peter Ball

When Bruce Rioch was a player, he had four ambitions — to play at the top level (then the first division), to win the championship, to play for Scotland and to play in an FA Cup final. The last escaped him. His goals are similar as a manager and, if Bolton Wanderers beat Aston Villa tomorrow, he can begin to harbour hopes that he could fill the missing link and lead his side out at Wembley.

Rioch is cautious, saying that even in the year of the underdog, which his team has embellished so notably, he still expects a side from the FA Carling Premiership in win the Cup, but he insists that promotioo remains his priority at Bolton.

"From the players' point of view, the cup-tie will mean everything," he said. "From my point of view as a manager, I can only look at it as another stage on a great adventure. Someone said we already have some lovely memories of this season, but while that's true, I want medals as well as memories."

The success of the club since Rioch's return has revived the old support in a town with a great passion for the game. The run to the fifth round of the FA Cup, however, has brought Bolton to the attention of a wider poblic.

"I think people have taken to us not just because we have beaten big names, but because of the style and manner of our performance," Rioch claimed, with some justice.

The style owes much to his ability as a manager. McGinlay, Coyle, McAteer, and Stubbs are players of undoubted ability, but all have flourished particularly under Rioch.

"Training is compulsory every morning, but it has also become the norm for the players to have a sandwich and then go back and spend an hour on the wall practising technique," Rioch explained. "We work extremely hard with them on technique and football intelligence. You can't teach vision, but you can teach technique.

"We doo't settle for poor standards. You must make people strive to be better and lift their horizons, but since I've been here I've been very pleased with the approach of the players, they've wanted to listen and learn."

Rioch talks a lot about standards and be cares about football: "It is a lovely game. I have been involved in it, life and soul, for 42 years and I have a vested interest to protect it and look after it, oot only for my life but for the interest of geoeradons to come," he said.

At a time when there is much cynicism in the game's higher echelons, Rioch may be remembered as the man who put the word "ethic", as in work ethic, back into the game.

Of all the teams that have done the Endsleigh League first divisioo proud this season, Boltoo's may have the greatest potential. Nevertheless, if they do not gain promodon — and they have already played 45 matches this season, the most of any club in the couotry — the likelihood of the club holding on to the best players will be in doubt. The same may go for Rioch, now ooe of the most coveted managers in the game.

A lot will depend on whether Bolton can match his ambition: "I've had 11 years as a manager, a loog apprenticeship, and I want to manage a big club and win the Premiership," he said.

Could that big club be Bolton? Romantics would say so, although Rioch preferred to remark: "This club has the image of a big club, but in the last 30 years it has been in the top division for two seasons, so the record indicates it is not top class.

"For us to be a big club, either the supermarket at the Town End will have to go, or the club has to go to a oew ground."

Romantics might flinch, but of all the Lancashire town clubs, Bolton has the greatest potential to challenge the big city teams and Rioch might be the manager to lead the crusade.

MARK LEECH

Rioch is keen to make his mark on a bigger stage in the Premiership

Premiership survivors will tread warily

By Keith Pike

HAVING negotiated the minefield that has so far claimed so many of their peers, seven FA Carling Premiership teams will this weekend attempt to restore a little order to the FA Cup. The quality, as much as the quantity, of the survivors suggests more casualties in the year of the underdog

Had they been contests for a place in the sixth round, three of the outstanding fixtures today would have pitted Blackburn Rovers against Newcastle United, Everton against Arsenal and Leeds United against Liverpool. These, though, are merely rescheduled league games for the most high-profile Cup victims to date. The focus of attendon, quite rightly, is on the fifth round and it is West Ham United, Oldham Athletic, Chelsea and Ipswich Town who must tread warily. It is not a quartet to fill the minnows' minds with dread.

The team with the most obvious chance of reaching the last eight with something in hand seems to be West Ham. Only ten non-league sides this century have managed to eliminate opponents from the top division and tan Bishop, their midfield player, discounts the chances of Kidderminster Harriers, the GM Vauxhall Conference leaders, from making it 11 at Aggborough Stadium: "People say it's a difficult oe, but that's rubbish," Bishop said. "Given the chance of Wimbledon away or Kidderminster away, you'd take Kidderminster every time. I'm not being complacent, just realistic."

They are words that may yet come back to haunt him and Bishop's manager, Billy Bonds, adopts a much more cautious approach. Perhaps Bonds remembers an FA Youth Cup ode between the clubs five years ago. Richard Forysth, the Harriers midfield player, does. "West Ham won 2-1, but we played them off the park and Bonds (then the West Ham youth team manager) was so upset afterwards that he kicked our dressing-room door down," Forsyth said.

There was confidence yesterday in the camps of Oldham, who are at home to Barnsley, and Chelsea, away to Oxford United. The Premiership side at greatest risk may be Ipswich, who visit Wolverhampton Wanderers, but at least Bull, the Wolverhampton forward, is missing with injury.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Wattana trounces tired McManus

THE cumulative effects of Alan McManus's unbroken three-week spell of high-pressure competitive snooker contributed to a 6-3 semi-final defeat against James Wattana, of Thailand, in the International Open at Bournemouth yesterday (Phil Yates writes).

In his eighth match in as many days, McManus, who won the Benson and Hedges Masters title on Sunday, looked supremely confident in the initial stages before a series of unforced errors crept into his game. "It's been the same routine of get up, practise and match play for so loog it's made me really tired," he said.

A 36 clearance to blue helped Wattana secure the fourth frame and, although McManus temporarily regained the lead at 3-2, breaks of 68, 74, 34 and 40 helped Wattana win the next four. He now meets either Jimmy White or John Parrott in the best-of-17 frames final today.

Athletes' last chance

ATHLETICS: Britain's team for the European indoor championships will be announced next week and the AAA championships, which began in Birmingham last night and finish today, represent the last chance for candidates to impress selectors (David Powell writes).

Several of Britain's best performers have said they do not wish to be considered, Linford Christie, Sally Gunnell and Tony Jarrett among them, which should serve as an incenóve for youngsters seeking a headline. The European indoor championships, which this year are scheduled for Paris from March 11-13, usually disclose a rising British talent or two — David Grindley made his first mark as a senior two years ago with a 400 metres bronze medal.

Havant's target in sight

HOCKEY: Havant will regain the first division title if they win their four remaining fixtures in the Pizza Express Nadonal League. Their match at Canterbury today is followed by a sterner test against Reading at Birmingham University tomorrow. Havant visit Trojans a week tomorrow and, in their fioal match, are at home to Stough. "I expect the derby against Trojans to be tough," Colin Cooper, the Havant captain, said. Old Loughtonians, who have an outside otle chance, are away to Southgate today.

Irish suffer setbacks

CRICKET: The luck of the Irish deserted them in Kenya yesterday as a week of setbacks in the ICC Trophy ended in a 70-run defeat by Holland and personal tragedy for Desmond Curry. The all-rounder was told his father had died suddenly on Thursday and immediately withdrew from yesterday's match. Stephen Warke, who has a broken elbow, and Conor Hoey, a damaged shoulder, were also unavailable. Nolan Clarke hit 119 as Holland totalled 235 for eight. Ireland scored 165 all out.

Glue upsets Douglas

TABLE TENNIS: Desmond Douglas, the English champion a record 11 times, will not compete at this year's event in Kings Lynn next month because of the British regulations against glue on bats. Douglas is critical of the situation that obliges players to compete under one set of rules for Kings Lynn, which ban glue on bealth grounds, and different rules for the European championships three weeks later. He said that the slower, non-glue bats would not help his preparation for the faster European games with glue.

Dorahy faces fine

RUGBY LEAGUE: After studying a videotape of Wigan's defeat by Wakefield on Wednesday, the Rugby Football League has called John Dorahy, the Wigan coach, to a disciplinary hearing to explain his comments about the referee. Dorahy accused Robin Whitfield, one of the game's most-experienced officials, of letting Wakefield get away with offside and lying-oo in the tackle and being "too old, out of date and unable to handle a game." The hearing wil be held within two weeks and Dorahy faces a possible hefty fine.

Record entry

BADMINTON: A record entry of 39 nations will take part in the world team championships European zone event, which starts at the Kelvin Hall in Glasgow today. It is the first time the combined Thomas Cup, for men, and Uber Cup, for women, had been held together in Britain. England, Scotland and the stronger nations begin on Wednesday in the second stage of a two-tier system, while today six groups of men from 24 nadons and four groups of women from 19 nations will play the preliminary stages.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated
** all-ticket match*

FOOTBALL

FA Cup
Fifth round
Bristol City v Charlton
Kidderminster v West Ham.
Oldham v Barnsley
Oxford Utd v Chelsea
Wolverhampton v Ipswich

FA Carling Premiership
** Blackburn v Newcastle*
* Coventry v Manchester City
Everton v Arsenal
Leeds v Liverpool
Swindon v Norwich

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	29	20	7	1	57	25	67
Blackburn	27	17	8	4	41	20	57
Arsenal	28	12	11	5	32	15	47
Newcastle	27	13	8	8	47	29	45
Liverpool	28	12	8	8	48	38	44
Aston Villa	27	12	8	7	36	27	44
Sheff Wed	28	11	10	7	52	37	43
Leeds	27	11	10	8	38	29	43
Norwich	27	10	11	6	43	33	41
QPR	27	11	6	10	42	36	39
Wimbledon	27	9	9	9	31	38	36
West Ham	28	9	9	10	25	35	36
Coventry	28	8	11	9	28	32	35
Ipswich	28	7	12	9	23	30	33
Everton	29	9	5	15	32	40	32
Tottenham	29	7	9	13	35	39	30
Southampton	28	8	3	17	31	41	27
Chelsea	27	6	8	13	26	36	26
Oldham	28	6	6	14	24	47	24
Man City	27	5	10	12	23	33	25
Sheff Utd	28	4	11	13	22	42	23
Swindon	29	4	10	15	31	67	22

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Birmingham v Notts County
Nottingham Forest v Crystal Palace
Peterborough v Stoke
Portsmouth v Grimsby
Watford v Derby
West Brom v Leicester

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Crystal Palace	29	16	8	7	50	34	54
Charlton	29	15	6	8	39	28	51
Millwall	29	14	8	7	41	33	50
Leicester	29	14	7	8	49	37	49
Tranmere	30	14	6	10	42	36	48
Nottm Forest	28	13	8	7	46	32	47
Derby	29	14	4	11	46	42	46
Southend	30	13	4	13	45	42	43
Wolves	29	10	13	8	42	29	43
Stoke	29	12	7	10	38	43	43
Bolton	30	11	9	10	39	35	42
Bristol City	30	11	9	10	32	33	42
Notts County	29	12	4	13	40	48	40
Portsmouth	29	9	11	9	32	37	38
Sunderland	29	11	5	13	40	38	38
Middlesbrough	28	9	10	9	38	31	37
Luton	28	10	5	13	36	36	35
Grimsby	29	7	14	8	35	33	35
West Brom	30	8	9	13	42	47	33
Watford	30	8	7	15	43	58	31
Barnsley	29	8	7	14	37	45	31
Birmingham	30	7	8	15	30	45	29
Peterborough	28	6	9	13	25	34	27
Oxford Utd	30	8	8	16	32	57	26

Second division
Blackpool v Wrexham
Bournemouth v Hartlepool
Exeter v Bradford
Fulham v Bristol Rovers
Hull v Cambridge Utd
Leyton Orient v Burnley
Port Vale v Plymouth
Reading v Brentford
Rotherham v York
Stockport v Huddersfield

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	30	18	7	5	60	31	61
Stockport	27	15	6	6	46	27	51
Plymouth	27	14	8	5	51	35	50
Burnley	29	15	5	9	48	34	50
Brentford	30	13	11	6	41	26	50
Bristol Rovers	29	14	8	7	40	35	50
Port Vale	27	13	8	6	45	28	47
York	30	12	8	10	41	29	44
Hull	30	12	7	11	42	43	43
Bradford	29	12	7	10	39	37	43
Leyton Orient	30	11	8	10	39	42	42
Cambridge Utd	30	10	8	12	41	45	38
Blackpool	31	11	4	16	44	54	37
Bournemouth	27	8	10	9	32	32	37
Fulham	30	10	5	15	34	41	35
Wrexham	27	9	7	11	44	48	34
Brighton	29	8	10	11	33	43	34
* Swansea	27	8	9	10	30	36	33
Huddersfield	28	8	9	11	30	37	33
Cardiff	26	7	10	9	41	43	31
Rotherham	27	7	8	12	35	43	29
Exeter	26	8	6	12	33	48	28
Hartlepool	30	5	6	19	24	48	21
* Barnet	28	2	8	18	25	54	14

** Not including last night's match.*

Third division
Chesterfield v Chester
Crewe v Bury
Doncaster v Walsall
Lincoln v Hereford
Northampton v Colchester
Rochdale v Carlisle
Scarborough v Gillingham
Scunthorpe v Mansfield
Shrewsbury v Preston
Torquay v Darlington
Wycombe v Wigan

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Crewe	27	16	7	4	57	37	55
Wycombe	27	13	8	6	45	38	47
Shrewsbury	26	13	6	5	41	29	47
Preston	26	12	8	6	55	40	44
Torquay	28	11	11	6	45	40	44
Chester	27	12	8	7	42	29	44
Walsall	28	12	8	8	34	30	44
Rochdale	26	11	8	7	44	26	41
Bury	28	12	5	11	41	39	41
Chesterfield	27	11	6	10	38	41	39
Scunthorpe	27	9	10	8	31	29	37
Colchester	27	10	5	12	42	51	35
Scarborough	28	10	5	13	34	40	35
Mansfield	29	9	8	12	34	42	35
Carlisle	28	8	9	11	34	31	33
Gillingham	27	8	9	10	31	35	33
Doncaster	29	8	6	14	29	42	33
Lincoln	26	8	7	11	36	43	31
Wigan	27	7	7	13	35	48	28
Darlington	28	6	9	13	32	45	27
Hereford	27	7	5	15	38	51	26
Northampton	27	4	7	16	27	50	19

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Southampton v Oxford (2.0)

GM Vauxhall Conference
Bath v Altrincham
Bromsgrove v Northwich
Dag and Red v Stalybridge
Kettering v Woking
Macclesfield v Runcorn
Southport v Merthyr
Stafford v Dover
Telford v Halifax
Welling v Slough
Witton v Yeovil

Northern Premier League
Premier division
Barrow v Marine
Bishop Auckland v Knowsley Utd
Buxton v Chorley
Colwyn Bay v Boston
Gainsborough v Morecambe
Horwich v Droylsden
Leek v Frickley
Matlock v Accrington Stanley

OTHER MATCHES: Fleetwood v Whitley Bay; Hyde v Bridlington, Winsford v Emley. **First division:** Atherton v Greenalgh; Curzon Ashton v Harrogate, Farsley Celtic v Bamber Bridge, Great Harwood v Guiseley; Lancaster v Chamerlon, Mossley v Eastwood, Netherfield v Congleton; Spennymoor v Worksop, Warrington v Radcliffe; Workington v Ashton.

Beazer Homes League
Premier division
Atherstone v Bashley
Chelmsford v Nuneaton
Dorchester v Crawley Town
Famborough v Cambridge City
Gloucester v Trowbridge
Gresley Rovers v Hednesford
Halesowen v Burton
Moor Green v Hastings
Sittingbourne v Cheltenham
Waterlooville v Corby Town
Worcester v Solihull

OTHER MATCHES: Midland division: Bridgnorth v Clevedon, Forest Green v King's Lynn, Hinckley v Grantham, Leicester United v Tamworth; RC Warwick v Dudley; Redditch v Sutton Coldfield; Rushden and Diamonds v Newport AFC, Stourbridge v Armitage; VS Rugby v Balston, Weston-super-Mare v Bedworth; Yate v Evesham. Southern division: Ashford v Sudbury, Braintree v Tonbridge; Buckingham v Fisher 93, Burnham v Salisbury, Canterbury v Newport, IoW, Dunstable v Gravesend and Northfleet; Erith and Belvedere v Baldock; Fareham v Bury; Wealdstone v Poole; Weymouth v Havant; Witney v Margate

Tennents Scottish Cup
Fourth round
Aberdeen v Raith
Airdrie v Stranraer
Dundee Utd v Motherwell
Morton v Kilmarnock
Rangers v Alloa
St Johnstone v Stirling

Scottish League
First division
Clyde v Dunfermline

Second division
Albion v East Stirling
Forfar v Cowdenbeath
Montrose v East Fife
Queen of the South v Queen's Park
Stenhousemuir v Arbroath

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Chester-le-Street v Consett, Dunston FB v Brandon, Ferryhill v Billingham Synthonia, Hebburn v Tow Law; Newcastle Blue Star v Durham City; Seaham Red Star v Eppleton, Shildon v Bryn Athletic, Stockton v Northallerton, West Auckland v Guisborough, Whitby v Murton

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper v Hucknall, Glasshoughton Welfare v Stocksbridge Lincoln United v Pickering, Liversedge v Denaby; Maltby MW v Brigg, North Ferriby v Eccleshill, Ossett Town v Pontefract, Sheffield v Ambrosbe Welfare, Thackley v Ossett Albion, Winterton v Ashfield.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal v Cambridge Utd, Chelsea v Ipswich, Gillingham v Norwich, Leyton Orient v Fulham, Tottenham v Southend, Watford v QPR, West Ham v Charlton. Second division: Crystal Palace v Bristol Rovers, Luton v Bournemouth, Oxford Utd v Bristol City, Swindon v Tottenham, Wimbledon v Southampton

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley v Carshalton, Chesham v Basingstoke, Enfield v Aylesbury, Hayes v Dorking, Hendon v Sutton Utd, Kingstonian v Hitchin, Marlow v Grays, Molesey v Dulwich, Stevenage v St Albans, Wealdstone v Harrow, Wokingham v Yeading. First division: Berkhamsted v Windsor and Eton, Bishop's Stortford v Purfleet, Bognor Regis v Uxbridge; Boreham Wood v Abingdon, Croydon v Worthing, Leyton v Maidenhead, Ruislip Manor v Billericay, Staines v Barking, Tooting and Mitcham v Chatham; St Peter, Wembley v Heybridge Swifts. Third division: Walton and Hersham. Second division: Aveley v Hampton, Barton v Aldershot Town, Chertsey v Edgware, Egham v Collier Row, Metropolitan Police v Banstead, Newbury v Hampstead, West Hull v Wigan St Patricks. *Quarter-finals (2.30):* Blackbrook v Beverley, Heworth v Moldgreen, Leigh East v Lock Lane; Walney Central v Oldham St Annes

VOLLEYBALL
ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL MEN'S LEAGUE: First division: Wessex v Whitefield, Leeds v Ealing, Newcastle (Staffs) v Liverpool, Lewisham v Tooting. Second division: Manchester United Salford v Thames Valley; Stockport v Speedwell, Sheffield Wednesday v Lewisham, Gateshead v Dynamo London, Trent Farm v London Lynx; Coventry v Essex.

FA YOUTH CUP: Brighton v Millwall
BASS IRISH CUP: Sixth round: Ballymallard v Cliftonville (2.30), Coleraine v Glenavon; Distillery v Abbey Villa, Glentoran v Dundela, Linfield v Carrick; Loughgall v Bangor (2.30), Newry v Omagh Town, Portadown v Donegal Celtic

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Caersws v Bangor, Ebbw Vale v Maesteg Park; Flint Town v Holywell (2.30), Llanelli v Aberystwyth, Llansantfraid v Mold, Newtown v Connah's Quay

RUGBY LEAGUE
NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division (2.30): Askam v Woolston, Egremont v Dudley Hill, Leigh MW v Hemel Hempstead, West Hull v Wigan St Patricks. *Quarter-finals (2.30):* Blackbrook v Beverley, Heworth v Moldgreen, Leigh East v Lock Lane; Walney Central v Oldham St Annes

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RUGBY UNION
Five nations' championship
England v Ireland (at Twickenham, 2.30)
Wales v France (at Cardiff, 2.30)

Courage Clubs' Championship
Second division
Sale v London Scottish
Third division
Havant v Redruth (2.0)
Fourth division
Leeds v Broughton Park (2.30)
Sheffield v Liverpool St Helens (2.30)
Fifth division north
Durham v Nuneaton (2.30)

McEwan's Scottish League
Second division
Haddington v Edinburgh Wanderers

Club matches
Berry Hill v Stroud (2.30)
Birmingham/Solihull v Newark (2.30)
Camborne v Plymouth (2.30)
Edinburgh Acads v Peebles
Fylde v Orrell (2.30)
Glasgow Acads v Stewart's Mel FP
Glasgow High v Heriot's FP
Halifax v Bradford and Bingley (2.15)
Harlequins v West London Inca (11.15)
Hawick v Gala
Hereford v Camp Hill (2.30)
High Wycombe v Old Gaytonians (2.30)
Huddersfield v Kendal (2.30)
Jed-Forest v Ayr
Kelso v Aspatria
Llanharan v London Welsh (11.30)
Maidstone v Sutton and Epsom (2.45)
Melrose v Harrogate
Middlesbrough v Boroughmuir (2.30)
Preston Grasshoppers v Blackburn
Reading v Bournemouth (2.30)
Richmond v Moseley (12.00)
Vale of Lune v Cambridge Univ (12.0)
Waterloo v Morley (2.15)
Watsonians v Dundee HSFP
West Hartlepool v Rotherham (2.30)
West of Scotland v Biggar
Weston-super-Mare v Penryn (2.30)

BASKETBALL
BUDWEISER LEAGUE. Derby v Birmingham (8.0), Hemel v Oldham (7.30), Leicester v Guildford (7.30); Sunderland v Chester (7.30), Thames Valley v Worthing (8.0)
MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bury v Solent, Cardiff v Stockton, Ware v Sheffield. Second division, Chiltern v Guildford, Mid Sussex v Leicester, Northampton v Swindon, Nottingham v Liverpool
WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division, Barking and Dagenham v Ipswich; Northampton v South Tyneside, Rhondda v Sheffield, Thames Valley v London Jets. Second division: Leicester v Spelthorne, Manchester v Cardiff, Plymouth v Doncaster

HOCKEY
PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bromley v Bournville (Priory Leisure Centre, Orpington, 2.0), Cannock v Southgate (Moms Ground, 2.3), Canterbury v Trojans (Polo Farm, 1.0), Havant v Reading (Birmingham Univ, 12.0), Hounslow v Teddington (Chiswick Boathouse, 2.0), Old Loughtonians v Indian Gymkhana (Chigwell, 2.30), Stourport v Firebrands (King Charles School, Kidderminster, 2.30), Welton v St Albans (Orchard Park, Hull, 2.0). Second division: Brooklands v Barford Tigers (The Pavilions, Sale, 2.0), Cambridge City v Warrington (Hinchingbrooke School, Huntingdon, 2.0), Cheltenham v Beeston (Bournside School, 2.0), Edgbaston v Isca (Birmingham Univ, 2.30), Guildford v Harleston Magpies (Kings Manor School, 12.0), Harborne v Gloucester City (Birmingham Univ, 2.0), Oxford University v Doncaster (North Oxford SG, 2.0), Richmond v Surbiton (Teddington School, 2.0), Sheffield v Neston (Abbeydale Park, 12.30)

BASKETBALL
BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Chester v Derby (8.0), Doncaster v Sunderland (5.0).
MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Brixton v Crystal Palace. Second division: Lewisham v Stevenage
WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Brixton v Rhondda; Chester v Nottingham, London Jets v Sheffield, Birmingham v Thames Valley. Second division: Cardiff v Harlesden

TOMORROW

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

FOOTBALL
FA Cup
Fifth round
Bolton v Aston Villa (3.05)
Cardiff v Luton
Wimbledon v Manchester Utd (5.0)

Tennents Scottish Cup
Fourth round
Dundee v St Mirren (1.0)
Hibernian v Hearts (3.05)

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier Division: Group A: Bohemians v Cork City (3.30); Galway v Derry City; Shamrock Rovers v Shelbourne. Group B: Cobh Ramblers v St Patrick's Ath; Dundalk v Limerick (3.30), Monaghan v Drogheda

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Les Phillips Cup: Barnstaple v Warminster.

TENNIS
VAUXHALL INDOOR LEAGUE: Men's great play-offs: Nottingham Indoor Repton School, Cleanwex Bromwood David Lloyd Bushey; Windmill Hill Park Langley Bromley. Women's fifth round: Area 1, Northumberland v Hallamshire Sheffield. Area 2: Boston v Long Road Cambridge; Lincoln Indoor v Warlham Alfriston, Lakenham Norwich v Edgbaston Priory. Area 3: Batchwood St Albans v Harpenden Connaught v Welwyn Spin. Area 6: BBC v Middlesex University; Carlton v Surrey Country Club. Area 7: Chris Lane Woking v Sutton Junior

RUGBY UNION
International match
France A v Scotland A (at Rennes, 2.30)
CLUB MATCH: Caerdross v Lydney (2.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE
Stones Bitter Championship
Bradford v Hull KR
Castleford v Leigh (3.30)
Hull v Leeds (3.15)
Oldham v Widnes
St Helens v Featherstone
Wakefield v Sheffield (3.30)
Wigan v Salford

Second division
Dewsbury v London Crusaders (3.30)
Doncaster v Workington
Highfield v Bramley
Huddersfield v Barrow (3.30)
Keighley v Hunslet (3.15)
Ryedale York v Rochdale (3.15)
Swinton v Carlisle
Whitehaven v Batley (2.30)

NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEAGUE: Premier division: Blackpool v Nottingham City (2.30); Chorley v Saddleworth (2.30)

OTHER SPORT
BADMINTON: Thomas and Uber Cup European qualifiers (Kelvin Hall, Glasgow).

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BASKETBALL
BUDWEISER LEAGUE. Derby v Birmingham (8.0), Hemel v Oldham (7.30), Leicester v Guildford (7.30); Sunderland v Chester (7.30), Thames Valley v Worthing (8.0)
MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bury v Solent, Cardiff v Stockton, Ware v Sheffield. Second division, Chiltern v Guildford, Mid Sussex v Leicester, Northampton v Swindon, Nottingham v Liverpool
WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division, Barking and Dagenham v Ipswich; Northampton v South Tyneside, Rhondda v Sheffield, Thames Valley v London Jets. Second division: Leicester v Spelthorne, Manchester v Cardiff, Plymouth v Doncaster

HOCKEY
PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Canterbury v Havant (Polo Farm, 2.0), Southgate v Old Loughtonians (Broomfield School, 2.30), Welton v Bromley (Orchard Park, 2.0)
NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishops Stortford v Cambridge Univ, Bury St Edmunds v Ipswich, Crosby v Redbridge and Ilford, Dereham v Peterborough Town, Luton v Bluehaits, Norwich City v Colchester, Old Southendian v Welwyn Garden City, Pelicans v Chelmsford, Stevenage v Westcliff
NASTRO AZZURRO SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division, City of Portsmouth v Hampstead and Wm, Dulwich v Anchorians, Fareham v Gore Court, Hendon v Tulse Hill; Lyons v High Wycombe, Maidenhead v Spencer, Old Walcountians v Chichester, Oxford Hawks v Old Kingstonians, Winchester v Staines. Regional leagues: Hants/Surrey: Barnes v Woking, Bournemouth v Weybridge Hawks, Camberley v Epsom, Cheam v Old Mid Whitgiftians, Lansbury v Oxshott, London University v Old Tauntonians, Merton v Basingstoke, Old Edwardians v Old Whitgiftians, Purley v Fleet, Petersfield v Barclays Bank, Kent/Sussex: Beckenham v Brighton Bognor v Bexleyheath, Horsham v Old Bordenians, Lewes v Lloyds B

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COLOURFUL EXPLANATION FOR ENGLAND'S WORLD CUP FAILURE

Atherton ready to discard spin option

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN KINGSTON, JAMAICA

ENGLAND, their strategy confused when they most needed it to be clear, yesterday retreated from critical decisions on the eve of the Test series against West Indies. Their team will not be finalised until shortly before the start at Sabina Park this morning, but they are ominously inclined to change the ideas they brought with them on both the batting order and balance of the bowling.

Heavily influenced by a similarly bare and shiny pitch to the one on which they achieved a famous victory four years ago, England are prepared to shelve their faith in spin and name four seam bowlers. Their identity depends on final fitness reports on Angus Fraser and Andrew Caddick, but both should play alongside Devon Malcolm and Chris Lewis.

Two batting places remain in doubt. The intention to play Mark Ramprakash at No 3 may survive, but it is at least as likely that Graham Thorpe, whose left-handedness is considered a virtue high in the order, will be promoted. In that event, Matthew Maynard would have an attacking role in the middle-order in the hope he can overcome the inhibitions that have strangled his Test career to date and bat with the destructive freedom he shows for Glamorgan, his county.

Michael Atherton, the England captain, concedes that the late selection is as much a result of uncertainty about the conditions as any remaining doubts over form and fitness. The look of the pitch here comes as a shock to first-time visitors and a re-adjustment even to those familiar with its uniqueness.

Viewed from above, it is a strip of rolled, baked mud amid the startling green of the outfield: from ground level, it resembles nothing more vividly than an old pine table, furiously polished.

Atherton, understandably for one making his first visit here, said he had never seen a pitch like it, but it is nothing new. Present yesterday, assisting England's bowlers at their final net practice, was John Snow, responsible for the best figures by an England bowler on this ground in the last 40 years.

PROBABLE TEAMS

WEST INDIES: R B Richardson (captain), O L Haynes, P V Simmons, B C Lara, K L T Arthurton, J C Adams, J R Murray, W K M Benjamin, K C G Benjamin, C E L Ambrose, C A Walsh.

ENGLAND: M A Atherton (captain), A J Stewart, G P Thorpe, R A Smith, G A Hick, M P Maynard, R C Russell, C C Lewis, A R Caddick, A R C Fraser, D E Malcolm.

Umpires: I Robinson (Zim) and S Bucknor (West Indies).

Snow has not been back since his seven for 49, on the 1967-68 tour, which forced a West Indian follow-on, but his wry smile yesterday betrayed no surprise at the conditions. "I still have a picture of myself bowling in that game," he said, "and you can see my reflection in the pitch."

In two Red Stripe Cup matches here this season, Courtney Walsh took 15 wickets; in another, Curtly Ambrose took eight. The groundsman, Charlie Joseph, believes there will be something in the Test pitch for fast, rather than medium-pace bowlers, and that it will bounce for wrist-spin later.

England, then, might have been tempted to include Ian Salisbury, but it seems they prefer to rely on their memories of 1990, when four seamers, including Malcolm and Fraser, dismissed West Indies for 164 on the first day. Fraser took five of those wickets and, despite looking below his best out here, prior to having a bone in his hand broken a week ago, his presence is still regarded as vital. "There are no problems with him bowling," Atherton explained, "but we have to balance the risk of him getting hit on the hand again in the field."

Caddick's shin soreness will not stop him playing providing he suffers no after-effects from yesterday's net and, by now, he may have been assured by Snow, his mentor, that he was seldom without pain from that area. With Malcolm a certainty, the lucky man in the eventual side looks like being Lewis, whose inclusion would be a classic case of selectors being taken in by some fortuitous wickets in a one-day international.

Atherton, who has impressed in every way so far, was at pains, yesterday, to stress that the indecision does not indicate the sort of negative thinking on which a West Indies side, chastened by their one-day loss on Wednesday, could gleefully pounce.

"We have got to try and win here," he said determinedly. "In my experience, it usually backfires when you go into a match defensively. The first Test of any series tends to set the tone and we are on a bit of a high. Traditionally, the West Indies' strongholds are Antigua and Barbados, so we have to make it count now."

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Old guard cling on to slender chance of bronze

FROM MICHAEL COLEMAN
IN HAMAR

HUMILIATION today faces three of the greatest male skaters in the world. Whatever they accomplish in the closing free programme, even quadruple jumps galore, it will not save them.

Brian Boitano has the slenderest of hopes of a bronze medal, provided the rest stand still or fall over. But that is not what Boitano, the Olympic champion of 1988 and the richest skater in the world, came back for. Third place on the podium? He would be wiser to withdraw.

The American finished eighth in Thursday's technical programme, one place ahead of Viktor Petrenko, the reigning Olympic champion and another of those tempted back from show business. How they must regret it.

Twelfth going into today's decider is Kurt Browning, the world champion. The Canadian is still amateur and can retain some face, but not the other two, on whom it must now have dawned that they have nothing left to offer competitively.

Yet the darkness for them has meant light for others. It is refreshing to see Aleksei Urmanov, of Russia, Elvis Stojko, of Canada, and the sport's wind of change, Philippe Candeloro, of France, occupying the first three places.

It is regrettable that the International Skating Union had no faith in the present generation and allowed back skaters whose presence here has meant the absence of others, such as Vyachdslav Zagorodnyuk, of Ukraine, and Todd Eldredge, of the United States.

That label also applies to Steven Cousins, of Britain, who went boldly for the triple axel in his combination jump on Thursday night and not only got it but later added a triple flip jump, the one that had eluded him last month in the European championships.

Cousins, who finished seventh, skates second in the last-but-one group today — not the best of places, between Boitano and Browning. Either of these could win the free, but the title looks to be within Stojko's grasp.

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Ireland aim to end recent dismal record at inhospitable Twickenham

England happy to rely on fresh talent

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

EVERY preconception of rugby union's 1994 five nations' championship linked France and England as the main contenders. Today, on the third weekend of the championship, will determine whether their meeting in Paris next month will be as decisive as anticipated or whether a Welsh spanner can be thrown into the works.

FIVE NATIONS' CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	2	2	0	0	46	21	4
France	1	1	0	0	35	15	2
England	1	1	0	0	15	14	2
Ireland	2	0	0	2	30	52	0
Scotland	2	0	0	2	20	44	0

RESULTS: Jan 15: France 35 Ireland 15, Wales 29 Scotland 6. Feb 5: Ireland 16 Wales 17, Scotland 14 England 15

REMAINING FIXTURES: Today: England v Ireland, Wales v France. Mar 5: France v England; Ireland v Scotland. Mar 19: England v Wales, Scotland v France

It is a chronological curiosity that Wales, who play France in Cardiff, have not beaten the reigning champions since 1982 while Ireland, who meet England, have not won at Twickenham since the same year. While Wales, buoyed up by their leadership of the table, may believe they are due a change of fortune, the Irish, weighed down by their recent losses, have no good reason for thinking luck is about to change.

In the last five years, Twickenham, whatever the shape of its stands, has been an inhospitable venue. No visiting home union has won there since Wales in 1988, that is BCC (Before Carling's Captaincy), and the only countries to have broken the spell are New Zealand and Australia, at the start and finish respectively of the 1991 World Cup.

That record contrasts, for example, with the preceding five years, during which there were four championship defeats and the most substantial win — against all-comers, Romania included — was the nine-point victory over Scotland in 1987.

"It's become very hard for people to win at Twickenham," Will Carling said. "With the new stand, the atmosphere against New Zealand last November was incredible and gave us a huge lift. People like Rob Andrew, who played there in the mid-Eighties, say it was nothing like that then. People didn't come to Twickenham expecting to see England win and, if they did, it was a pleasant surprise. Now they expect us to win, they expect to see some good rugby and they give us excellent support."

It remains to be seen, while their supporters lay down £1.4 million in gate receipts, whether England can provide the good rugby against the Irish. They could not do so last season, save for a purple patch against Scotland, when the Underwood brothers (of whom Rory celebrated ten years' involvement in international rugby this week), both scored, but a playing generation faded from the scene. Now a fresh-faced XV has its way to make and needs to throw off the doubt that clouded the issue at Murrayfield a fortnight ago and carry the game to the visitors.

That is what you would expect of a team chock full of youthful enthusiasm and raw talent, but talent needs to be nurtured and the Irish, all vim and vigour, will perceive their best chance lies in doing to England exactly what Scotland did, with the main difference that Eric Elwood kicks the goals Gavin Hastings could not.

Yet England have the additional motivation of sloughing off the memory of the 17-3 defeat in Dublin last year. Only seven players who took the field that day remain, while 12 of the Irish are fuelled by memories of the victory which made their season.

"Ireland will have been feeding off the video of that game all week," Geoff Cooke, the England manager, said yesterday. His opposite number, Noel Murphy, has spoken of his side putting away the chances they scored in the two-point defeat by Wales, but, in fact, most of Ireland's scoring opportunities this season have come through goal kicks and Elwood has missed remarkably few of those.

There is no shortage of confidence among the English, despite their fall from grace in the championship last season. Indeed, there is a genuine curiosity to see whether the products of the representative system established over the era of Cooke's management can produce the goods, in the unavoidable absence of such luminaries as Guscott, Richards and Clarke.

A couple of years ago, when England were at their apogee and their second team also took a mini-grand slam, it was claimed — by a leading player — that England A would be more than a match for the senior teams of the other home unions. Now, in effect, they have the chance to prove it, so substantial has been the turnover in personnel.

Suddenly, Brian Moore has almost as many caps as the other seven forwards put together. The back row as a unit is completely raw and four of the backs still have to establish themselves. "We always knew it would be this kind of year," Cooke said, "but it's good because we are reaping the benefits of identifying talented players early."

After three tryless appearances, the Twickenham crowd will hope England can reclaim the magic that brought three tries in a half-hour against the Scots last season, 268 minutes of international rugby ago. First, though, the groundwork must be laid and that is what England, in the short and long term, hope to achieve today.

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Jenkins the Twitch, page 45
Reward for Ojomoh, page 45

Back, left, Rodber and Ojomoh relax before England's five nations' championship match against Ireland today. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

TODAY'S TEAMS AT TWICKENHAM

ENGLAND		IRELAND	
J Callard (Bath)	15	C P O'Shea (Lansdowne)	
T Underwood (Leicester)	14	R M Wallace (Garryowen)	
W D C Carling (H'quins, captain)	13	M J Field (Malone)	
P R de Glanville (Bath)	12	P P A Danaher (Garryowen)	
R Underwood (Leicester,RAF)	11	S P Geoghegan (London Irish)	
C R Andrew (Wasps)	10	E P Elwood (Lansdowne)	
K Bracken (Bristol)	9	M T Bradley (Cork Const, captain)	
J Leonard (Harlequins)	1	N J Popplewell (Greystones)	
B C Moore (Harlequins)	2	T J Kingston (Dolphin)	
V E Ubogu (Bath)	3	P M Clohessy (Young Munster)	
T A K Rodber (N'pton,Army)	6	B F Robinson (Ballymena)	
M O Johnson (Leicester)	4	M J Galwey (Shannon)	
M C Bayfield (Northampton)	5	N P J Francis (Old Belvedere)	
N A Back (Leicester)	7	W D McBride (Malone)	
S O Ojomoh (Bath)	8	P S Johns (Dungannon)	

Referee: P Thomas (Fr)

Replacements: 16 M Catt (Bath), 17 S Barnes (Bath), 18 C D Morris (Orrell), 19 G C Rowntree (Leicester), 20 R G R Dawe (Bath), 21 J P Hall (Bath)

Replacements: 16 C P Clarke (Terenure Coll), 17 A N McGowan (Blackrock Coll), 18 R Saunders (L Irish), 19 K D O'Connell (Sunday's Well), 20 G F Halpin (London Irish), 21 K G M Wood (Garryowen).

Player Robson joins Venables's coaching team

Robson: heir apparent?

BY KEITH PIKE

THREE weeks after his appointment as the England football coach, Terry Venables yesterday revealed the identity of his most likely successor: Bryan Robson, capped 90 times by his country and approaching the end of a distinguished playing career.

Robson's recruitment to the national coaching staff, starting with Venables's first game in charge against Denmark on March 9, is initially on a part-time basis, but corresponds with the Football Association's vision for the future, in which the accent is firmly on continuity. Should Robson, under Venables's guidance, be able to transfer his inspirational leadership qualities from the pitch to the training ground, he will seen as the man most likely to eventually achieve the position of ultimate responsibility.

Yet there was also a link with the past in yesterday's announcement. Working alongside Venables and Robson will be Don Howe, now coaching one day a week with Newbury Town, of the Diadora League, but an influential figure during three England campaigns in World Cup finals. Dave Sexton has also been recalled, to take charge once more of the under-21 team, although plans to appoint Ray Wilkins as Sexton's assistant have had to be delayed because Wilkins's club, Queens Park Rangers, is unwilling as yet to release him.

All three jobs are part-time and, so far, temporary. The positions will be reviewed after the matches against Denmark, Germany (April 20) and the two further internationals to be arranged for May 17 and 22. Venables will then make them permanent.

"I'm delighted to have on board two such experienced professionals in Don and Bryan," Venables said. "Don has got invaluable experience of the international scene and he is an outstanding coach. Bryan has also been to three World Cups as a player and a captain. He will be much nearer in age to the players. I am sure he will have their confidence and I know he is delighted to be involved in the England set-up."

Robson, 37, whose contract with Manchester United expires in the summer, has started only 17 of their 41 matches this season, but may yet have a leading role to play in their assault on an unprecedented domestic treble. His club, though, was fully behind his release. "We are delighted for Bryan," Alex Ferguson, the United manager, said. "He will do a good job for them — in fact all three are ideal choices." Robson himself was "full of excitement" at the prospect.

Wilkins has not yet given up hope of being involved. "I am contracted to the club and if they deem it fit that I don't go, then that is the situation," he said. "As far as I can gather, that is what has happened. I will probably talk to the club again. It is very exciting chance, it's just unfortunate that, at this moment in time, it has to be a no-no for me. But who knows?"

Bryan Hamilton's first competitive match in charge of Northern Ireland after his appointment on Wednesday will be against Lichtenstein in the opening match of their 1996 European championship qualifying campaign on April 20.

The matches against Ireland in group six were confirmed yesterday — on November 16 in Belfast and March 29 next year in Dublin.

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And now I miss the rest of me

Deborah Moggach relives the night out with her partner of ten years, *Times* cartoonist Mel Calman, which was to be their last

Deborah Moggach and Mel Calman pictured together in 1988

Mel Calman (right) rehearses the cast of one of his radio plays

Mel's death was so extraordinary that I longed to tell him about it afterwards. I long to tell him everything that has taken place since. It happened last Thursday evening. We went to the Empire Cinema, Leicester Square, to see *Carlito's Way*. The audience was very talkative and we moved seats twice — in fact, Mel's last words were "Could you shut up, please" to the people behind us.

About ten minutes into the movie there was a violent scene where a man's throat was cut. Mel made a small noise of protest — I presumed at the scene, because he hated violence — and he quietly collapsed. I held him for a while, but I knew he was dead. An usherette called an ambulance and ten minutes later the paramedics charged in. The house lights went up, the film was stopped and the manager asked everyone to go home. The place emptied instantly, it seemed. Even at the time, I was deeply moved that they stopped the film. Death is usually a small stirring of embarrassment in the dark, with everyone trying not to look — it's something we pretend doesn't happen. To stop the film seemed so *serious*.

One woman stayed and held my hand as the paramedics laid him in the aisle and tried to revive him. Then she melted away, never to be seen again or even thanked. A policeman barked into his walkie-talkie, "Clear Leicester Square, we're coming out!" We raced out through the lobby and into the square, where the crowds were held back for us and where an ambulance waited. Siren blaring, we sped along the wrong side of the road, police holding back the traffic past Trafalgar Square, past Parliament. It seemed that Mel's death had brought London to a standstill.

At St Thomas' Hospital they whisked him away and put me in a room equipped with Kleenex, plastic flowers and a free phone. They put you somewhere alone, so you need see nobody. The extremely nice Sister gave me tea — real teapot, rose-patterned china. It mattered terribly. A Styrofoam cup would have been so tawdry, so disposable. Such details aren't trivial: these small acts of tact make a huge difference. A doctor came in and told me Mel had died.

By then his daughters Claire and Stephanie had arrived. We stayed there for ages because we didn't want to leave him, even though we knew that didn't make any difference to anything. It's strange how the brain still functions. In the midst of our weeping we looked at a shower attachment fixed to the wall, just above the sofa. Why was it there? It would splash onto the carpet. I thought how Mel was adoring *Middlemarch* and now he would miss the last episode. We all said that for a man who adored movies, for a man who adored the West End and who lived in Soho, the manner of his death was strangely — what, fitting? It was *something*. He might have found the word for it. Claire later discovered the ticket stub in his coat pocket and the cinema's slogan was "More of an experience". Amazing that we could laugh. But much worse if we couldn't.

> ❛ I fell in love with Mel when I walked into his larder ❜

Grief is a foreign country. One crosses the border and there is no going back. I remember, in the past few days, looking in my diary and seeing appointments written in it. Appointments for what? For who? *Me*. I went into a hardware shop to buy a corkscrew and stood beside a stand full of gadgets. They were all for pitifully silly things. I thought: Mel has died and somebody has actually thought of inventing something to cut pizza edges and take the stones out of cherries. Why? One feels frail and elderly, afraid of honking cars and of people shouting in the street. One dreads official letters — bank letters, parking summonses — because they seem so impossibly difficult.

As the days pass, more and more things happen that I want to tell him about. Little things, big things. His funeral, which was grim and snowbound in a freezing Jewish cemetery; I'm sure he would have found it too cold and would have wanted to go home. I wanted to ask him whether I should write this article. I want to tell him everything that has happened today. What does one do with all these words and where does one put them? Now I know why people walk along the streets muttering to themselves.

His daughters have been wonderful, his first wife Pat has been wonderful, his gallery assistant Pat has been wonderful — we're all in it together. But we all have words for him and we're all finally alone. And events mount up. At the beginning one drinks cups of tea, one brushes one's hair, knowing that the person no longer exists. One tries to get used to that. But ahead lie many more things — one has to go to the cinema again, go on a train, have a birthday and endure his, too.

Being new to this, I'm discovering many things. One is that the way a death is handled — in this case by paramedics, a hospital sister and a cinema manager — helps hugely if done with sensitivity. Another is the comfort of phone calls and letters. Somebody asked me if I was hitting the bottle but I haven't had a chance yet — every time I reach for it the phone rings. I was dreading that people wouldn't know what to say, or would even avoid talking about him. I was dreading them being *careful*, because if you lose the selves you were with a person you lose him utterly.

But most people have been surprisingly uninhibited. I don't want to hear about *them* at all — what they're doing, their lives — I just want them to talk about him, the more the better, things he did, things he said. I don't just want them to say how lovely he was — after all, we all know that or we wouldn't be in such a state. I want concrete stuff — "Do you remember when his car broke down . . . do you remember that awful dinner party . . ." I love the flowers people send, I love people rushing round. One friend turned up with lunch, vodka and an entire fridgeful of food to pick at when I wanted. One of my sisters slipped in each night and slept in the house, a breathing presence. In the morning she quietly slipped out again. And because Mel's death was in the papers, I haven't had to break the news, to inflict such brutal pain down the telephone. None of this makes anything better; it just makes it easier.

I fell in love with Mel ten years ago when I walked into his larder. Tin-tacks held the wall in place, and round every tack he had pencilled a little nose and mouth, to make a row of faces. In his *larder*, where, nobody would even see them. Who could resist such a man? Mel drew and doodled everywhere — on tablecloths, on walls, up and down my arms. He also wrote all the time, on scraps of paper he would lose in his pockets.

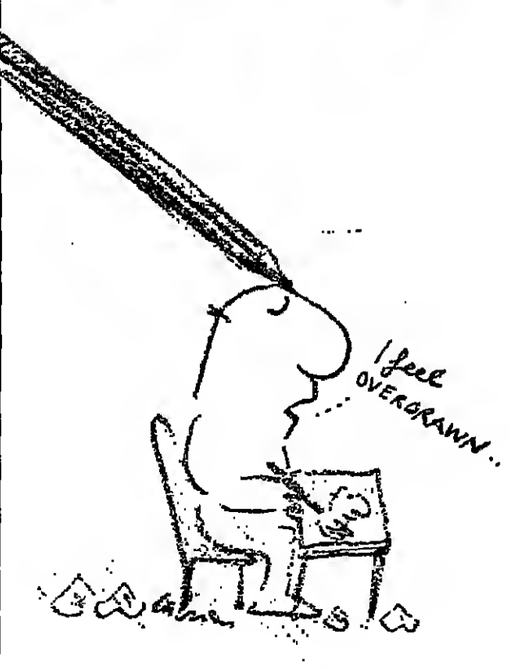
When he died he was in the middle of a book about the Savoy Hotel and writing a radio play about a man who has a heart attack, and whose organs have the speaking parts. They discuss love and death; he had got stuck writing the last few pages, but I suppose it was appropriate that he hadn't quite come to a conclusion.

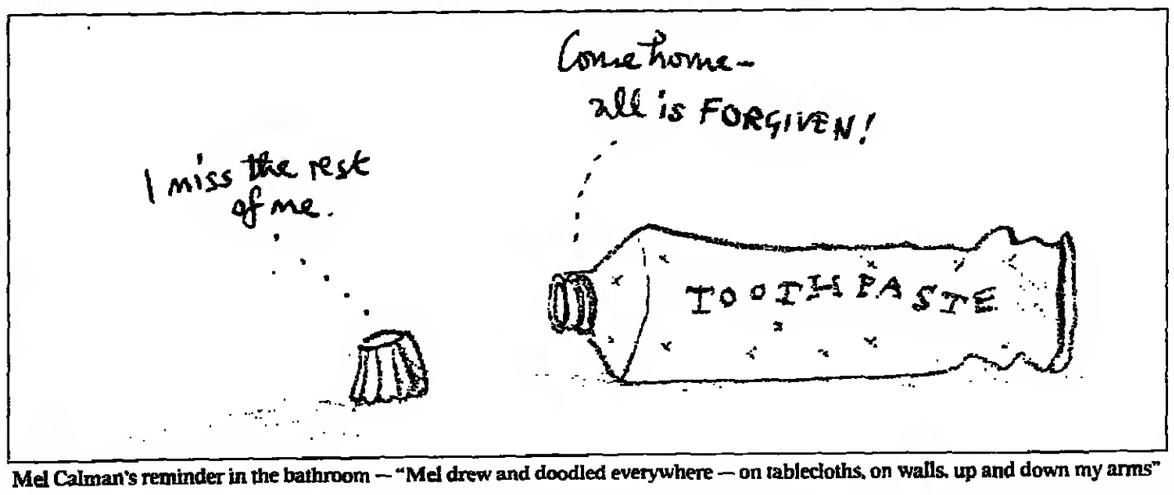
Like many people, I knew him through his work long before I met him; he was already in my head. His work will keep him there, as it will for everybody who loved it. He will stay in my head, in my heart and in my bathroom. My children never put the top back on the toothpaste and he pinned up lots of drawings to remind them. One is of a cap saying, "I miss the rest of me". The toothpaste tube calls out, "Come home, all is forgiven!".

● *Deborah Moggach is donating her fee for this piece to the Cartoon Art Trust, which is raising funds for a National Museum of Cartoon Art. Anyone wishing to make a donation should send a cheque to The Cartoon Art Trust, Carriage Row, 183 Eversholt Street, London NW1 1DD.*

Autobiographical details from drawings done for Deborah Moggach

Mel Calman — " Who could resist such a man?"





Mel Calman's reminder in the bathroom — "Mel drew and doodled everywhere — on tablecloths, on walls, up and down my arms"

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Friday: Flights leave both Heathrow and Gatwick at about 3pm and arrive at 6pm local time. From Boston's Logan Airport to the centre of town by taxi costs $12 (£8). The subway system, the "T", consists of four colour-coded lines which link all the prime spots. An all-day pass costs $5 (£3.40) and single journeys 85 cents (about 60p).

Try **Legal Seafoods** at the corner of Arlington St and Columbus Avenue (T-stop: Arlington) for a classic Boston dinner. Lobster is the house special and dinner for two costs $60-80 (£40-£54).

Saturday morning: After breakfast, begin the day at **Boston Common** (T-stop: Park Street) which was the militia's training ground, and was laid out in 1634. Good maps are available at the **Visitors' Information Bureau** on the edge of the Common. From here, follow the **Freedom Trail**, a painted red line which winds through Boston's most historic sights. You will soon reach the **Old State House**, seat of the colonial government, built in 1713. A short walk takes you to **Faneuil Hall** where many protest meetings were held during the Revolutionary period.

Adjoining Faneuil Hall is the restored **Quincy Market** which houses numerous upmarket shops. The market's central hall is an ideal lunch venue, offering an array of ethnic foods. For dessert, don't miss the amazing cookies from **The Chipyard**, six cookies for $1.35 (90p). On the north side of the market, **Bannana Republic** offers sophisticated casual clothing and **Sharper Image** sells electronic gadgets which cannot be found in Britain.

Before lunch take a detour to **Paul Revere's House**, further along the Freedom Trail. The house of the great patriot is the oldest in Boston, dating from about 1680.

Afternoon: Spend the afternoon in Cambridge, home of Harvard University. On leaving Harvard Square station, follow the signs for **Harvard Yard** on the right. The Yard is the ivy-covered heart of the University. From the Yard, visit the famed **Fogg Museum** on Quincy Street which houses Harvard's excellent art collections. There are also specialised museums of archaeology, the Near East, and geology.

Not far from the Yard, at 40 Brattle Street, is the ultra-intellectual **Algiers** coffee shop, ideal for a short rest. Sample the mint-cinammon hot chocolate while you listen in on scholars debating moves in the Middle East peace process.

For Harvard souvenirs, go either to **J.August Co.** at 1,320 Massachusetts Avenue or to the **Harvard Co-op**, in the Square. This mini-department store also stocks a full range of new books and CDs.

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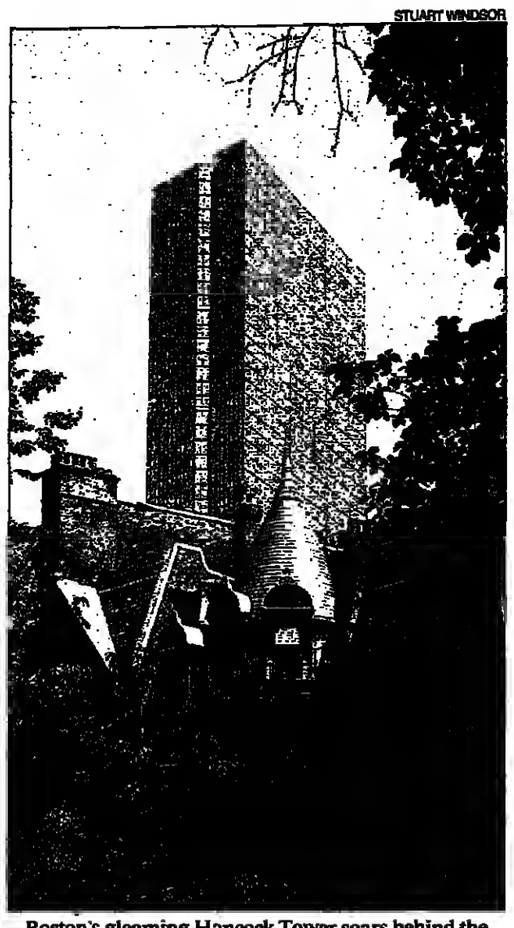

Boston's gleaming Hancock Tower soars behind the city's old houses dating from the colonial past

For dinner, walk back two blocks from Pangloss to **John Harvard's Brew House** at 33 Dunster Street. This bustling restaurant brews its own beer. The solidly American menu is based on hamburgers. Dinner will cost about $30-$40 (£20-£26) for two.

Following dinner, head to the **House of Blues** at 96 Winthrop Street for great jazz. From Harvard Square, either catch the "T" or a taxi. $15 (£10) for the journey back downtown.

Sunday morning: Begin your day at the **Museum of Fine Arts** (T-stop: Museum). Have brunch at the museum's excellent café on the ground floor. The museum's highlights include 31 Monets and very fine collections of American silver, furniture and paintings. Be certain not to miss the mari-time models or the amazing large-scale photographs by Tina Barey.

Close by is another of Boston's cultural gems, the **Gardner Museum**. This 19th-century, Italian-style palazzo contains impressive collections of Old Master pictures, textiles, and other decorative arts.

Afternoon: Don't miss Newbury Street (T-stop: Arlington), which is the home of 34 art galleries and numerous trendy boutiques. Boylston Street also features great shops, almost all of which will be open on Sunday.

Around 5pm it will be time to head out to Logan Airport for the flight back to London, arriving back at 7am local time on Monday.

STEVEN FOX

Boston bound

☐ Virgin Atlantic has Apex fares at £339 from Gatwick. Packages from Virgin start at £299 per person and require a minimum stay of three nights at either the 57 Park Plaza or the Copley Square Hotel. Both hotels are well located in central Boston.

☐ BA has Apex fares from £333. Hotels start at £29 per person per night. BA Holidays (0293 517555) has late booking packages, from £289 for two-nights.

Arequipa, Peru's gracious "white city" of sunshine and of

Breathtaking trip in high mountains of the condor

I first fell in love at 16 — with an English girl called Avril. At 56 I have fallen in love again — with a Peruvian city called Arequipa. Arequipa, Peru's second largest city, with 1.5 million people, is also known as "the white city" because of its sun and stone buildings. These are Spanish colonial in style, with gracious courtyards. In the spacious green square in the centre of town stands the cathedral, shops and the modern El Portal Turistas hotel. The streets are lined with shops and street-traders, selling anything from bread and bananas to watches and leather goods. Daily sunshine is guaranteed, as are cool, insect-free nights.

This southern city, 7,500ft up in the Andes, is a gateway to Peru. The country has relatively few tourists and much to offer: glorious snow-capped mountains and fiery volcanoes; beautiful wild orchids and brilliant flowers of paradise; colourful butterflies and delicate humming birds; green terraces on barren mountains — farmed for 1,000 years and still farmed today. We saw the world's heaviest birds — condors — gliding with their 10ft wingspan in the Colca canyon, north of Arequipa.

Eight of us, of different professions, had gone to Peru to consolidate long-standing links with the Anglican Church in Arequipa. Its priest, the Rev Simon Brignall, who was once based in York, works in the ever-growing shanty towns. We could not go to Peru without seeing the ruins at Machu Picchu, so we flew from Arequipa to Cuzco before taking the breathtaking four-hour zig-zag journey by narrow-gauge railway up to the Inca and pre-Inca ruins. It must be one of the great railway experiences.

The sights were matched by sounds and tastes. Herbert, our guide, played his husky panpipes. The bar served *maté de coca* tea made from coca leaf — addictive, we were told, but "good for you" at high altitudes. The Inca site has green terraces, ruined temples and deep mystery — "Did they sacrifice llamas — and people?" we asked our guide. He gave no answer.

We stayed at a fine modern Turistas hotel in Machu Picchu to the sound of a million crickets on a black but starry night. Next day we swam in an open-air pool fed by water from hot springs.

We were warned of the possibility of altitude sickness, for more than once we stood higher than anywhere in Europe, but we had no real problems. We tried many varieties of delicious food, although we declined guinea pig, a local delicacy.

Arequipa apparently experiences four or five earth tremors a day. We felt nothing but were a little daunted to find that sections of the buildings in the main square are numbered — to make reassembly easier after an earthquake strikes.

Inca children in Peru, where everybody seems to have something to sell

We went to meet people as well as to see sights, and came away with lasting memories: the nun from southern India who speaks ten languages and serves a daily breakfast of meat and vegetables to 1,000 Peruvian farmers — in half an hour flat; the impressive Peruvian pastor of an Anglican shanty-town church; the vivacious journalist who helps homeless children; the young couple who gladly sat in their flat in the dark with their sick baby because they had lent their only light bulb to the church for an ordination service; the children in the streets and cafés, selling, selling and never giving up — paintings, dolls, jewellery, knitwear, fabric. All Peruvians seem to make something — and sell what they make.

Peru need not be expensive, but with inflation running at about 30 per cent per year, prices are not very stable.

In Arequipa we stayed in a clean, non-luxurious hotel with a beautiful garden, and a beautiful name — La Casa de mi Abuela (the house of my grandmother). Granny is still going strong at 99. Breakfast among the birds and falling blossom was unforgettable.

You cannot fly direct from England to Peru. Several European airlines fly to Lima and we chose Iberia, which offered a full day and night in an excellent hotel in Madrid included in the fare.

Lima is not to be recommended — there is too much pollution, poverty and theft. Moreover, factions of the Shining Path guerrillas are still active: a bank was blown up during our stay. If I were to go again, I should arrange flights and two nights at a hotel in Arequipa and book other accommodation on the spot.

I would not recommend dealing with a Peruvian travel agency until you arrive, but if you would like to go to Arequipa, Mr Brignall is willing to act as consultant in return for a donation towards the church's work. Such a contact can open doors off the tourist trail.

CANON JOHN YOUNG

● *Write to the Rev Simon Brignall, Iglesia Cristiana Episcopal, Apartado 1424, Arequipa, Peru. I suggest £25 for an initial consultation. For this, he will send general information and book you for two or more nights at the hotel of your choice. (The hotel will require a deposit).*

● *Baldwins Travel, 27 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2AJ (0892 511999) specialises in travel to South America. The return fare starts from £750 and hotels in Arequipa vary from £30 per night for a single, £40 for a double at the semi-official Turistas hotel, to £10 per night for a single, £15 for a double at La Casa de mi Abuela.*

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Rough Guides mature

A little luxury has crept in, says David Flusfeder

I WENT once on a Rough Guide holiday to Greece. A Rough Guide holiday was a particular thing in those post-punk, post-post-hippy days. Your sky-blue Guide had been through the hands of several of your friends, all of whom had made drunken annotations. The book told you what to do if you got arrested for drugs. It steered you towards the cheap bohemian unspoilt places. It gave you a smattering of language, background and history. It was the badge you carried to indicate that you were a traveller rather than a tourist. And when you arrived at those cheap, bohemian, unspoilt places you would find them crowded with other travellers all carrying their annotated Rough Guides.

The series has smartened up since then. The back covers are still sky blue but the fronts are now half-orange with the top half-filled with what looks suspiciously like *tourist* pictures. And inside, the expensive hotels that the guides used sniffily to eschew are listed. So, along with the YMCAs and budget hotels and camping sites (and the places that are "sympathetic" to gays and lesbians) you get places like the Pierre and Mark in New York, and the fancy hotels of Coconut Grove, Miami — although, for Palm Beach, Florida, the understanding is that the Rough Guide traveller will probably want to do no more than hang out with the rich folks for a day and then nip back to the cheaper rates of West Palm Beach.

Both these books are very good. They work as guides and also as cultural primers. They are well laid-out with shaded boxes for key information, and words in bold in the main text to guide you efficiently through.

The Florida guide has the defter touch in the writing but both pack an impressive — and always enjoyably readable — amount of history, politics and art into their pages. And in a nostalgic glance back into the Rough Guide past, the entry for Key West rather elegiacally pronounces: "Yet as wild as it may first appear, Key West is far from being the drop-outs' and misfits' mecca that it was just a decade or so ago." Forty pages of "Contexts" at the end of the New York book give you lists of local books and films, lessons on the history of city architecture and art, plus a glossary of New York slang that lives a little too much in the Jewish past, with no concessions to the Hispanic present. Florida makes do with only 20 pages of contexts and no help with slang or Spanish at all.

FLORIDA, THE ROUGH GUIDE
By Mick Sinclair, £8.99

NEW YORK, THE ROUGH GUIDE
By Martin Dunford and Jack Holland, £8.99

As well as being straightforwardly useful, with maps, museums and restaurants, and tips on using the public transport system, any guide book worth making friends with will fill you with longing for a place you've never seen. Both these books do that. A much harder trick, which both carry off, is to reawaken curiosity towards a place you already know well. Next time I go to New York, I'm heading straight to Staten Island to eat at La Fosse aux Loups. The description is peculiarly captivating: "Once an inexpensive Mexican eatery, now a fairly expensive Belgian restaurant — though still, oddly enough, serves inexpensive Mexican food."

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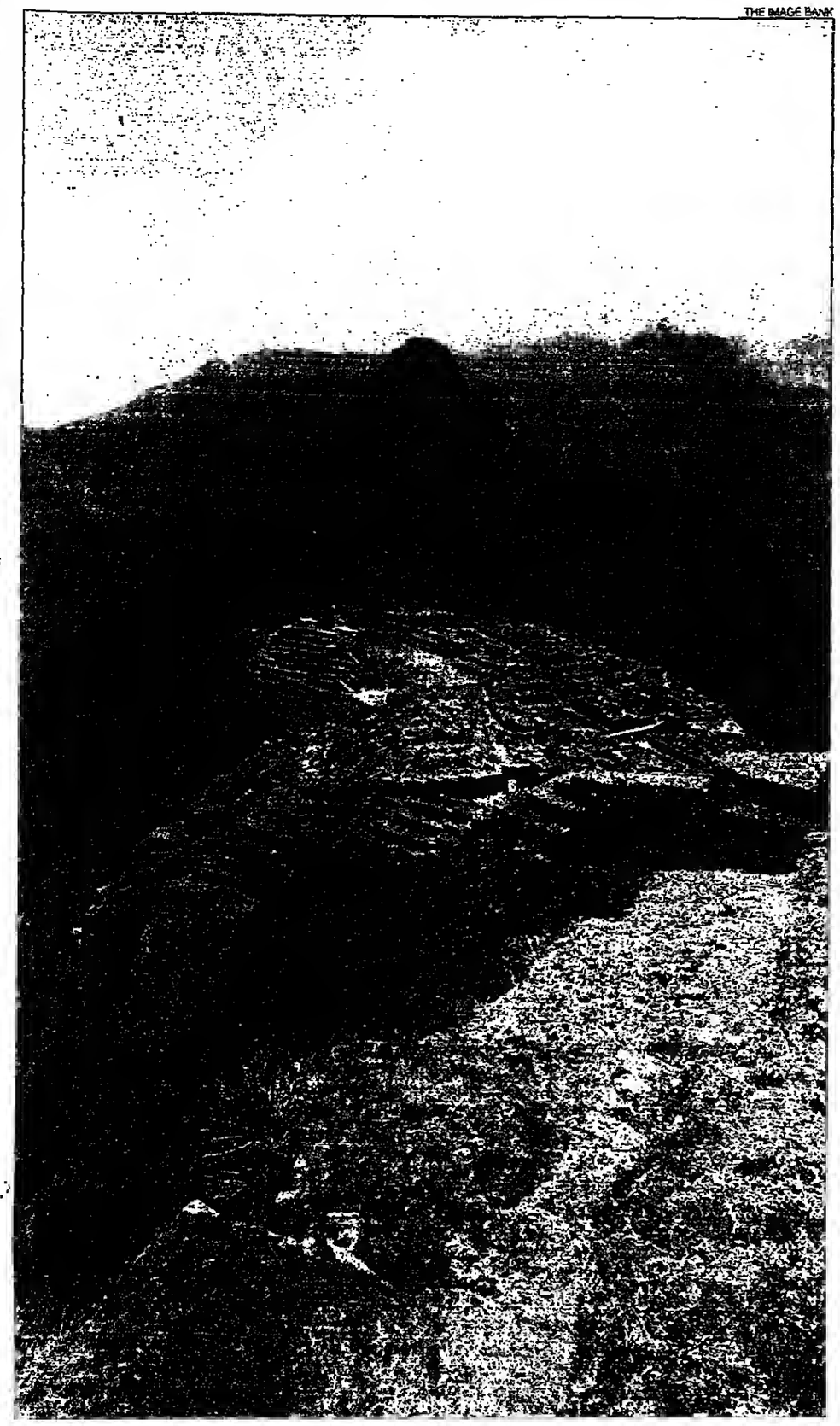

FAUSTINO SEPIVEN

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Top: native Peruvian woman weaving — "all Peruvians seem to make something"

Middle: the procession of the saints at Cuzco, starting point for the zig-zag railway to Machu Picchu

Bottom: vegetable market in Peru — guinea pig is a local delicacy

Left: the Inca ruins at Machu Picchu, which were never found by the Spanish conquerors and remained a local secret until discovered by Hiram Bingham in 1911

Rev up and get ready to let rip

"ON THE track, you will become a raving demented lunatic, desperate to cross the finishing line first." Robert Graham, race director of the Daytona Raceway in Shepherd's Bush, west London, sounds ominous.

Go-karting can be dangerous, but Mr Graham's safety talk is full of common sense: "Make sure the gaps are big enough before you overtake", he continues, "otherwise you can catch the car in front, flip over and land on your head — which is painful."

Go-karting is one of Britain's growth sports. The Daytona Raceway attracts 50,000 people every year and it is just one of more than a hundred similar circuits. Most go-karters are amateurs, keen to let rip behind a steering-wheel, and nine out of ten are men. The vehicles themselves are tiny, the length of one-and-a-half supermarket trolleys, and lower than a camp-bed.

They are also simple to operate: the right foot controls the accelerator, the left foot the brake. "So it's basically foot down, revs up, and go," track marshal Richard Norton tells me. The engine is a mere 5½ bhp but still provides a top speed of 40mph.

The indoor circuit gives protection from the rain, but not from "Two Tribes" by Frankie Goes To Hollywood being played continually over the public-address system. The participants, wiggling their hips to the mid-Eighties pop, eagerly await an evening of potential mayhem. "I've done this once before and failed miserably," says Ashley Roy, from London. "The frustration from three years of disqualification for drink-driving and £5,000 worth of cab fares will get released here tonight."

To get value for money, each driver has a practice lap and a minimum of four races. These are the qualifying heats, whose winners earn themselves a place in the semi-finals, from which the truly talented and foolhardy find themselves in the final with a chance to win a bottle of "Daytona champagne" and a trophy. All racers are issued with protective clothing: fire-proof gloves and overalls and a crash helmet.

Few sports are designed to turn you into a raving lunatic, but go-karting is one of them — and good fun it is, too

Clambering in for the practice lap, I realise that the seat is smaller than that of a toddler's high chair and the steering wheel (the size of a side-plate) is between my knees. It makes for uncomfortable driving, especially since I picked a crash helmet a size too small and neglected to take off my jersey before putting on my protective romper suit.

We are started by a traffic light that changes straight from red to green. Mr Graham's "Take it easy" rings in my ears as the six of us hurtle towards the first bend.

On the practice lap, I discover the first handling difference between go-karts and normal cars — the steering is extremely light. Believing that sheer skill and brute force will get me round the bend in one piece, I leave my foot down, wrench the steering wheel and the kart goes into a 270-degree spin. A marshal looks down at me with a mixture of pity and scorn as the others speed past. I handle the car soberly for the next three laps and manage to catch the rest of the pack, who all seem to have raced before.

With the arrival of the first heat the atmosphere thickens. As the men put on their gloves their girlfriends give them good luck kisses, and Frankie Goes to Hollywood is still detectable behind the roar of revving engines.

I start in fifth place and, within seconds, fall back to sixth. This angers me and I drive like a madman. The tactic succeeds: I feel immensely virile as I undertake someone through the chicane. I receive a "No Bumping" sign, but who cares? I'm the best, I'm the greatest. Well, nearly — I come second.

I enter the second race brimming with pride, so it is only fitting that I finish last. I come third and fourth in the other heats, and just fail to qualify for the semi-finals. What frightens me is that my driving has been more appalling than usual. Still, I am not alone. "I'm sure I'm getting better," says Alison Banks, from London. "It's addictive. I'm getting like the maniac Mr Graham describes."

THE FINAL, which is tackily preceded by Fleetwood Mac's "The Chain", is won by Danny Watts from Buckingham, who at 14 is too young to enjoy his alcoholic prize. He normally races go-karts capable of 80mph, so this must have been a walk in the park for him. "I've been racing since January 1993," he tells me. "I definitely want to go into motorsport — I get a lot of satisfaction from beating the older drivers here."

He certainly has got the skill for such a career, but what he needs is the £20,000 of sponsorship backing per year. Anyone interested?

GUY WALTERS

● *Daytona Raceway is at 54 Wood Lane, Shepherd's Bush, London W12 (081-749 2277). Tickets cost £30 per person for an evening's racing (minimun of four races). Corporate rates, £35-£40 per person. The National Karting Association is on 0926 812550.*

MICHAEL POWELL

Competitors in the pit lane wait for their turn to enter the fray

What the papers said: Derwent May's bookbuyers' guide

5/5 Pleasure ratings are awarded to a maximum of five. Column centimetres indicate the length of reviews to date in national broadsheet newspapers.

1/5 Mastur-work: The papers fell over themselves to review and interview the American writer Nicholson Baker. However, in the end most of them poured scorn and hatred on his new novel, *The Fermata* (Chatto, £14.99). It is about a seedy American called Arno Strine who has a magic gift for stopping time — the "fermata" — and who uses it exclusively to go out and put his hands on women's bodies that have been "frozen" by his trick.

"The merits of his earlier books are still here," said Philip Hensher in *The Guardian*, "the heartless dissection of emotional exchange, the enthusiastic magnification of the tiny swarming life of the objects we surround ourselves with." But the new book was "disgusting, desperately sordid, and frankly rather creepy". In *The Observer*, Peter Conrad interviewed Baker as well as discussing the book. He reported the author as saying, "Of course I'm a pornographer", and the best he could find to say about Baker himself was: "He is really a pornotopian, describing idylls of gratification unhustled by the urgency of coitus ... Undoing the brassières of women switched into pause mode is a noble enough ambition for Baker." Victoria Glendinning roundly declared in *The Daily Telegraph* that the book *was* pornography, and that it was "strictly for dedicated onanists ... Goodbye, Nicholson Baker, goodbye for ever.". *Private Eye* said, "If you meet him, for heaven's sake don't shake his hand."

Only Fay Weldon in *The Mail on Sunday* struck a kindlier note: the book was "so likeable and funny that this female reader failed to take offence. If anyone were to do such dreadful things, better it were Arnold Strine who did them." In spite of the general chorus of disapproval, *The Fermata* got more column centimetres than any book in this column since Margaret Thatcher's memoirs. She got 923 and Baker got:
Col cms: 523

4/5 Roth van Winkle: A book by an 87-year-old American novelist received a much more rousing welcome from its first reviewers. This was *Mercy of a Rude Stream* (Weidenfeld, £14.99), the first of six volumes in a new novel-sequence by Henry Roth, whose only other novel so far has been the remarkable *Call It Sleep*, published 60 years ago. It was published in Britain thirty years later (and simultaneously reissued in America). Since then, it has sold more than a million copies.

Roth did not start writing again until he was 73, and his new book goes back to the old subject. "It recounts the journey into maturity of a Jewish teenager, Ira, growing up in New York in the early years of this century," wrote Jason Cowley in *The Independent on Sunday*. With "the rush and flow of the narrative" regularly interrupted by the voice of Ira as an old man, "it radiates intensity, and every detail is compellingly intimate".

In *The Times*, Christopher Hawtree said that the book "takes the reader in and out of Harlem through the Great War and beyond ... Ira has a rapturous eye for the city beyond the family's coldwater flat. There is a sense of something on the horizon, beyond this volume, but one never feels frustrated, only eager for the whole."
Col cms: 97

3/5 Colonel Bob: In *Last of the Pirates* (Cape, £16.99), the young journalist Samantha Weinberg describes her search in Africa for Bob Denard, the most notorious of the white mercenaries in the Congo after "Mad Mike" Hoare. Denard's last adventure was to overthrow two presidents in the Comoro islands off Madagascar and practically rule them for ten years. Weinberg finally found him in Pretoria, where he tried to seduce her.

In *The Times*, Sousa Jamba admired her bravery and her humour. Charles Maclean, in *The Spectator*, said she had "a vivid eye", but "the reader is left with the distasteful impression that the frightful Colonel Bob has half convinced her that he's really quite a decent old cove."
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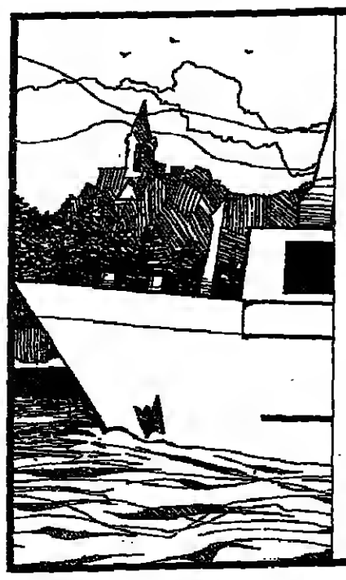

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We could feast on wonderful varieties of home-grown potatoes, if food campaigners are successful in easing restrictions on sales

Spuds you'd like to taste

In a 1960s concrete block in the centre of Coventry, lab technician Karen Searle is growing potatoes. Working in a sterile cubicle she carefully sub-divides the tiny shoots in the plastic dish in front of her with a pair of forceps and a scalpel to avoid any risk of contamination. With luck the shoots will go on to produce micro-tubers that can be used to grow the rare potato variety, Shetland Black.

Micropropagation is not the sort of technique you naturally associate with the organic movement, but Miss Searle is part of a team in the school of natural and environmental sciences at the University of Coventry which is working with the Henry Doubleday Research Association, the environmental pressure group, to save Britain's dwindling stock of potato varieties.

The picture, says the association, is bleak. Although we still consume about 200lb of potatoes a head each year, an increasing proportion of our intake comes from processed potato products such as crisps and frozen chips.

"Of the fresh potatoes that are sold, two-thirds of early potatoes and half of all main crops are accounted for by just three varieties each," says Jackie Gear, the association's executive director. "Supermarkets tend to favour varieties because they are high yielding and of a uniform shape and size rather than because they taste good."

> ‘Edzell Blue and Shetland Black are a revelation after bland modern potatoes’

The issue is not only one of consumer choice. It also has important biological implications. Potatoes vary in their resistance to disease and drought and in their ability to grow on poor land. With the aid of fungicides, modern potatoes are resistant to the blight that wiped out the Irish potato harvest in the last century, but a new strain of blight is emerging which on its own or in combination with the original strain could infect a large percentage of the potato crop. "If it cracked one of the main varieties, it could go through the whole lot like a dose of salts," says Dr Jeremy Cherfas, head of the association's research department.

The problem is made worse by the fact that the most common eating potatoes in the shops are the same varieties as those most widely available as seed potatoes. And of 157 seed varieties, 96 (61 per cent) come from two or three major suppliers.

The barriers to introducing a new variety or reviving a traditional one are formidable. "Legally the only potatoes that can be sold are those on the Ministry of Agriculture's national list," says Dr Cherfas. "To get on to the list means going through a complicated and expensive registration procedure involving a series of tests. There is a fixed fee for the tests no matter how many you sell. If you grow two tonnes for a couple of thousand enthusiasts, the fee is still £775 a year, which takes up a large proportion of the cost.

"You also have to pay for your potatoes to be given a clean bill of health under the Seed Potato Classification Scheme, and they won't even inspect you if you're growing less than half a hectare of a particular variety, which in potato terms means about ten tonnes."

With other varieties of vegetables the association has got around the problem by giving seed of rarer varieties away to members of its Heritage Seed Programme. The problem with potatoes is that they have to be grown on from year to year and storage and postage is expensive — about £5 to post just 3kg of potatoes.

The potential solution that the association has come up with, in conjunction with the University of Coventry, is micropropagation — a well-established technique of taking tiny cuttings and growing them in a sterile medium into miniature or microplants. The university has found that microplants can be induced to form micro-tubers which can be grown on into mini-tubers, which will eventually yield much the same size of crop as an ordinary seed potato. The sterile conditions in which the technique is conducted also enables researchers to eliminate viruses to which potatoes are prone.

Through micropropagation the association hopes to establish a potato library of more than 200 varieties, out of which a number will be grown on each year to provide mini-tubers for members of the Heritage Seed Programme. To get going Henry Doubleday needs £50,000 to pay for the initial research. It hopes to raise it from Potato Day, which takes place next Saturday at Ryton Organic Gardens, Warwickshire.

TREVOR BROOKS

Dr Jeremy Cherfas shows some of the many unusual kinds of potatoes available, but selling them may be another matter because of licensing restrictions

Visitors will be able to gaze at such curiosities as Bishop's Choirboy and Mr Govett's Belgian, a potato brought back by a prisoner of war in his pocket after the First World War. There will be exotically coloured potatoes, such as the magenta-fleshed Himalayan Red and the dark purply-blue Urenika, and an opportunity to taste rare varieties such as Edzell Blue and Shetland Black — a revelation after the blandness of many modern potatoes. "We need to get back to using potatoes for particular purposes," says Dr Cherfas. "For instance, Pink Fir Apple is a good salad potato but it's disastrous for mashing. It turns into wallpaper glue."

People's existing knowledge of potato varieties is pretty limited. "Ask the average person to name a potato variety and he will struggle to get beyond King Edward," says Alan Wilson, potato buyer for Waitrose and author of *The Story of the Potato*. Since starting to work for Waitrose 12 years ago, Mr Wilson has introduced a number of traditional varieties, including Duke of York, Kerr's Pink, Belle De Fontenay and Ratte, but admits that they account for only a small proportion of potato sales. "If I thought I could sell more, I would buy more varieties, but then I'm potato-mad."

The association hopes that Potato Day will create more potato fanatics like Mr Wilson, who will persuade their shops and garden centres to provide greater choice. "If we get our funding, we should be sending out mini-tubers in two years' time," says Dr Cherfas. "If there are real signs of interest, we may see seed producers offering more varieties as early as next year."

Here is a recipe from the Ryton Gardens café, which will be served at a potato lunch:

Ryton potato bread

(makes three loaves)

- lb/450g peeled, cooked, floury potatoes (Sante), mashed with ¼ pt/150ml milk and 1oz/25g soya margarine
- 1½oz/75g fresh yeast
- 3tsp sea salt
- 1½lb/700g wholemeal organic flour

Allow the mashed potatoes to cool to lukewarm. Dissolve the yeast in lukewarm water and mix with the potatoes.

Sift the flour into a bowl, add salt and the mashed potato mixture and mix well. When the mixture leaves the sides of the bowl, press into a ball and dip on to a lightly floured surface.

Knead until elastic, smooth and shiny — about 15 minutes. Place the dough back into the bowl, covered with lightly greased clingfilm.

Leave in a warm area to rise for about an hour. Knead for a further ten minutes, then divide the mixture into three and place in loaf tins. Leave to prove for 15 minutes, then lightly egg-wash the top of the loaves and bake for ten minutes at 425F/220C/gas mark 7. Turn down the oven to 375F/190C/mark 5 and bake for a further 25 minutes. Turn on to a wire rack and allow to cool.

FIONA BECKETT

● *Potato Day will take place from 10am to 3.30pm next Saturday at Ryton Organic Gardens, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, CV8 3LG (0203 303517) — signposted off the A45, five miles southeast of Coventry. Entry £2.50 (lunch extra).*

● The Story of the Potato *by Alan Wilson is available from the Henry Doubleday Research Association, price £14.95 including p&p. Part of the proceeds will go towards setting up the Potato Library. Donations can also be made to the Potato Library by sending a cheque made payable to the HDRA at Ryton Gardens (mark envelope Potato Library).*

● *Many rarer varieties of potato can be obtained from Dornock Farm, Crieff, Perthshire PH7 3QN (0764 652472), although stocks are limited.*

Salad for all seasons

Canny growing will ensure a great choice throughout the year

Freshly picked and just waiting to go to the table

DESPITE my carefully timed September sowing of seeds for salad, the hard frost in January nearly ruined my year-round salad plan. It was even life-threatening to the rocket, which can usually take anything nature dishes out. Some of this fashionable, peppery salad leaf has spoilt, but another couple of rows have survived.

I do wish that I had taken the trouble to identify the variety and source of the seed; without that information I do not know which of the autumn sowings of *Eruca sativa* had the ice-resistant genes.

There has been a failure of communication in the cellar as well. In the black polythene pots in which chicory roots are being forced there is a lovely lot of salad — some pale green and clearly Witloof, but some red. No labels, so there is no knowing what to plant again for next year.

The principle, though, is clear: chicories of all sorts are useful, and some will give you a double crop. We cut their leaves over the summer and into early autumn before lifting the roots in November, potting them up in compost, and forcing them — without water — in the cellar.

They are delicious but, like rocket, bitter. However, I love the bitter, the sharp, the pungent, and the peppery in the winter salad bowl, especially when dressed with walnut oil, lemon or orange juice and a pinch more salt than normally used, or with best olive oil and no acid at all.

Several kinds of lettuce are still standing in the garden. There is lots of self-seeded mache, or lamb's lettuce, in good condition but so fiddly to pick. A row of red, crinkly *merveilles de quatres saisons* is flourishing, although the half-row under cloches is hearting up more impressively than those outside.

A few straggly leaves of Bruna di Germania, from the same source, are reddish-brown; like other red lettuces, such as Rougette du Midi, it is capable of struggling through the winter. Overwintering green lettuce is less common.

Outside we have Winter Density, cos-like, crunchy and almost thirst-quenching, but failing to make the solid dark heart for which it is prized.

S.E. Marshall has seed, and also does greenhouse and cold-frame lettuces, such as Kelly's, an iceberg type, which will give you a mid-April picking, and Novita, a new curly, crisp-textured green lettuce. If you have greenhouse space, Thompson & Morgan's pink-tinged Fivia looks the most attractive, succulent winter lettuce of all.

We have had winters when a September sowing of meschun (which Suffolk Herbs lists as Misticanza or Saladini meschun), has made it through to spring. Basically a mixture of cos-type lettuce, rocket, dandelion, plus some chicories and frizzy endive, this cut-and-come-again mélange is the domesticated version of the wild salad eaten all over the south of France. To balance its combination of the bitter and the peppery, it invariably contains the sweet, lightly anise-flavoured herb, chervil — which lives through winter snow and freezing winds.

PAUL LEVY

● *Suffolk Herbs, Kelvedon, Essex (0376 572456); Thompson & Morgan, Ipswich, Suffolk (0473 688821); S.E. Marshall & Co, Wisbech, Cambridgeshire (0945 583407).*

DISH OF THE DAY

Chef: Trevor Brooks, 35.

Born: Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire.

Restaurant: Table, 135 Babbacombe Road, Babbacombe, Torquay, Devon T21 3SR (0803 324292).

Past: Portmeirion Hotel, Gwynedd; Germany; Inverlochy Castle, Highland; Longueville Manor, Jersey.

Present: "The last few years have been difficult, but Jane and I have stuck to our guns and it is paying off now."

Future: He and his co-proprietor and partner, Jane Corrigan, are expecting their first child in April.

Personal: Enjoys windsurfing "but there will be even less time for that when the baby comes."

Dish: Loin of rabbit roasted with mustard and parmesan, the leg made into a small pie topped with Robuchon's mashed potato. Dinner £26 for three courses.

CLARISSA HYMAN

How to choose the red wine for you

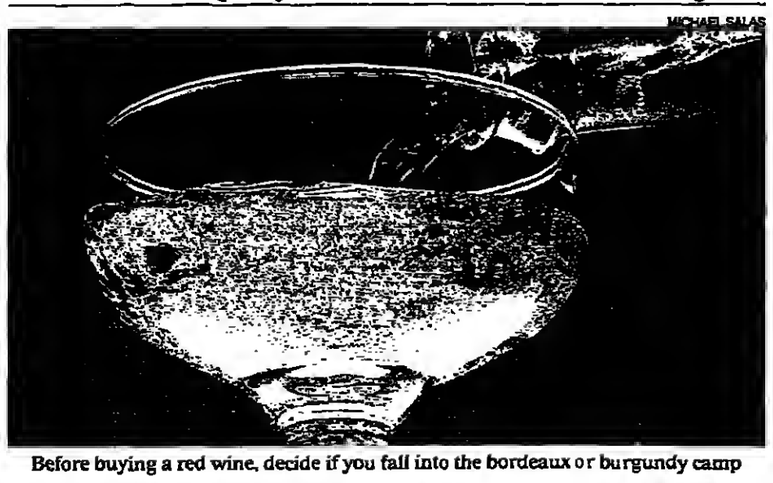
Jane MacQuitty continues her series on tasting

Deciding what kind of red wine palate you have is more difficult than clarifying your white wine likes and dislikes: red wine's astringent tannins and more sturdy style tend to cloud the issue. But you can start by deciding whether your taste veers towards bordeaux or burgundy.

The simplest taste detector is to ask yourself whether you enjoy blackcurrants, the hallmark of the cabernet sauvignon grape and red bordeaux, more than damsons and Victoria plums, key attributes of the pinot noir and red burgundy. Good red bordeaux is also known for its firmness and austerity, so a more sophisticated method of judging which of these red wine styles suits you best is to analyse what kind of meat dishes and garnishes you prefer. If you like roast beef with English mustard or horseradish sauce, then your taste-buds should also have a penchant for wines made predominantly from the cabernet sauvignon grape, such as most clarets. Indeed, lovers of rare beef are also likely to enjoy the bloody, meaty flavours that mature claret takes on.

Lengthy aging in new oak barrels, often for nearly two years, is another shared characteristic of the world's top cabernet sauvignons and could again help you to pinpoint whether you are a claret or burgundy fan: if you love the scent of wood shavings and pencil boxes, then a spicy, oaky-smoky, first-class claret or cabernet sauvignon could be the red wine for you.

If your taste-buds prefer rich, sweet stews, such as coq au vin and boeuf bourguignon, along with slow-cooked daubes, then red burgundy is much more likely to be your glass of wine. Good red burgundy spends much less time in new oak than red bordeaux and in larger barrels too, so there is much less oak flavour to the wine. This factor, coupled with the sweet, plummy pinot noir grape, gives burgundy its distinctive soft, ripe, luscious quality that the more severe, herbaceous, piquant claret and cabernet sauvignon character lacks. Moreover, if your taste-buds veer towards the riper, richer end of the red wine spectrum, then the Burgundy region's gamay grape, exclusively responsible for the red wines of Beaujolais, will also suit you. Other red wine styles to home in on are the modern, macerated, beaujolais imitators from other parts of the wine world.



MICHAEL SALAS

Before buying a red wine, decide if you fall into the bordeaux or burgundy camp

Your choice of mustards, other condiments and garnishes could also indicate in advance whether you will appreciate red burgundy more than bordeaux. English mustard fans belong to the cabernet sauvignon school of red-wine drinkers, because of this seasoning's severe, dry, more robust style. In direct contrast are those folk who reach instead for what the English call "French mustard", although the French would not be seen dead with it on their table. Users of this dark brown, sweet and spicy mustard, with a much less powerful flavour than yellow English mustard, are bound to enjoy the sweeter red burgundy stamp. Think too about the sort of stuffings you prefer with fowl. Those who relish herb stuffings will enjoy the herbaceous scents and tastes of the cabernet sauvignon grape, while those who pile on the chestnut and sausage meat will prefer red burgundy and other pinot noirs.

Traditional English garnishes such as redcurrant jelly and mint sauce are also useful red wine palate markers. Those who tuck into redcurrant jelly with roast lamb are sure to love the redcurranty flavour of the Loire's cabernet franc grape, responsible for the region's dusky, fruity reds such as saumur, chinon and bourgueil. However, if you are indifferent to redcurrant jelly but passionate about mint sauce, your palate is back in the cabernet sauvignon camp, whose herbaceous, minty quality is most apparent with New World cabernets, especially those from California or Australia.

Red wines made from the spicy, smoky, blackberry-flavoured syrah grape, most of which come from the Rhône valley and are the same as Australian shiraz, are stronger still in style and generally take time to know and love. However, those who like nothing better than spicy dishes and grind showers of fresh black pepper over every plate are likely to be syrah devotees. So too will those who enjoy smoked foods, blackberries and bramble jam.

● Next week fizz and fortified wines

BEST BUYS

● **1991 Stratford Oak-Aged Cabernet Sauvignon, California:** *Sainsbury's, £4.45 until March 6.*
Big, rich, minty New World cabernet with plenty of uptront blackcurranty fruit.

● **1991 Fleur de Carneros, Carneros, Pinot Noir, California:** *Majestic Wine Warehouses, £6.99.*
Classic pinot noir flavours from a non-classic source makes this a great winter buy.

● **1992 Château de Saint-Amour Beaujolais, Jacques Dépagneux, France:** *Waitrose, £2.99 a half bottle.*
Useful half-price February red with exuberant gamay grape fruit of cherries and plums.

● **1992 Young Vatted Tempranillo, La Mancha, Spain:** *Safeway, £3.19.*
Not a gamay grape red at all but a new-wave Spanish red with similarly vibrant Beaujolais-method fermented fruit.

● **1989 Special Reserve Fronsac claret, France:** *Waitrose, £4.75.*
A partly cabernet franc-based claret offering some of this grape's distinctive redcurrant and raspberry fruit.

● **1992 Saumur Champigny, France:** *Tesco, £4.99.*
This carefully vinified Loire red offers superior cabernet franc fruit.

● **1992 Côtes du Ventoux, M Chapoutier:** *Majestic Wine, £3.99.*
Blackberries and black pepper abound in this shining example of a first-class syrah blend from the Rhône.

Give a cook a chance

Frances Bissell admires the quality but craves more raw material for cooks at Marks & Spencer

DIANA LEADBETTER

When I walk around a Marks & Spencer store I get the feeling that the managers would rather we didn't bother ourselves with cooking and left it all to them, which for some working people might be the answer to a prayer.

Well, perhaps we are allowed to cook a little: we can steam the vegetables M&S has peeled and prepared for us (the stores even have them shredded to ribbons, finely cut into julienne, sliced for stir-frying and diced for soups), all neatly bagged and labelled and reasonably priced at 99p.

At M&S I can buy a chunky, well-marbled forerib of Aberdeen Angus for the Sunday roast, and Yorkshire pudding to go with it. But where can I find the ingredients to make my own? Eggs and milk can be had, but no flour.

At the M&S Pantheon store in Oxford Street, central London, I am lulled by the displays of loose vegetables into thinking that I am really shopping and making choices. This is reinforced by the Speciality Store and the Delicatessen, and particularly by the Butcher's Shop. Noisettes and loin chops of lamb are displayed in open trays, alongside steaks and stuffed and prepared joints. But, could I have an oxtail, please, and six lamb shanks, I ask. No. This is not a real butcher's shop, where you would find all kinds of exciting cuts of meat, offal and extremities. Here you find just the predictable prime cuts of meat.

The quality of the fresh food is high, but I find it disappointing that M&S has ceased to stock organic produce. I cannot bring myself to try the yards of ready-to-eat meals, the kedgeree, the hotpot, the bangers and mash, although I imagine their quality is equally high. Why should it not be? One of the company's four development chefs, Brian Cotterill, is an award-winner who leads Britain's culinary Olympic team, which competes in international competitions.

Skate wings cost about £3.50 a lb at my local fishmonger; at M&S they are £4.99. The smoked haddock is dyed, and the salmon farmed, but so beautifully trimmed and presented that you could be forgiven for wondering if it were real. It is, in fact, the excellent "free range" Glenarm salmon, for which M&S is the exclusive high-street retailer.

In the end, I decided to buy the Barbary duck breasts from France at £5.50 a lb. These make a quick supper for two or more, depending on the size of your grill or frying pan. I had planned an Italian-flavoured meal, deglazing the duck with balsamic vinegar, but M&S do not carry this. For an Italian starter, I recommend carpaccio, made from the thinly-sliced Angus beef, £5.99 a lb. Packs of ten slices weigh about 8oz. M&S recommend flash-frying or grilling and using it for sandwiches, but raw is preferable to me.

The courgette soup (recipe below) can be French or Italian, as can the white chocolate mousse. If you have no time to make a pudding, I recommend, for a French flavour, the *tarte au citron* (£2.99), which serves 4-6. It is best at room temperature.

If you want an Italian pudding, choose the *zuccotto* (£2.49), which will serve four reasonably and six skimpily. It is a sponge-lined mould, filled with coffee mousse, chocolate mousse, toasted chopped almonds and chopped chocolate.

With the main course, I served the 1989 Margaux (£6.99), which is the second wine of Château Brane Cantenac, 2nd growth.

Wine enthusiasts might like to try two very different chardonnays: the Len Evans 1992 Chardonnay from south-east Australia (£5.99), and the classic French Chardonnay, an Appellation Bourgogne Contrôlée (£3.99).

My first recipe is a versatile soup. Vary the cheese and serve it at an Italian meal as *crema di zucchini con dolcelatte*, or at a French one as *crème de courgettes et de Roquefort*. At an English meal, call it cream of marrow and Stilton soup. I have also made it with gorgonzola and with St Agur cheeses.

Courgette and blue cheese soup

(serves 4-6)

- 1lb/455g courgettes
- 1 onion, peeled and sliced
- 1 medium potato, about 6-8oz/170-230g, peeled and sliced
- 1pt/580ml vegetable or light chicken stock
- 1 bay leaf
- 4oz/110g blue cheese
- 1pt/580ml milk
- freshly ground peppercorns

Top, tail and slice the courgettes. Put all the vegetables in a saucepan with ½pt/280ml stock and the bay leaf, and simmer until the vegetables are soft. Allow to cool slightly, remove the bay leaf and put the vegetables in the blender or food processor, together with the blue cheese, crumbled first, and the remaining stock. Blend until smooth and return the mixture to the saucepan. Reheat, and stir in the milk. Bring to the boil, season with pepper and serve. The blue cheese will probably provide enough salt. Ground mixed peppercorns are particularly effective in this soup.

CARPACCIO was a Venetian painter, who was fond of using a distinctive shade of blood-red and gave his name to this Italian dish of thinly-sliced and seasoned raw beef.

Carpaccio

(serves 3-4)

- 10 thin slices Aberdeen Angus beef
- 3 or 4 generous tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- piece of not-too-hard Parmesan cheese
- coarse sea salt
- coarsely ground black pepper

Arrange the slices on individual plates and sprinkle on the olive oil, "massaging" it into the meat with the back of a spoon. Shave slivers of Parmesan over the meat and, just before serving, sprinkle with salt and pepper — just a few grains of each — to add crunch as well as seasoning.

HAZELNUT oil, honey and good red wine make an unusual warm marinade for duck breasts, which can then be quickly roasted, grilled or pan-fried. Marinate the meat for at least half an hour. If more convenient, you can prepare it the day before required and marinate the meat overnight. The breasts are best served whole, rather

than sliced and fanned on the plate in the old-fashioned style.

Barbary duck breasts with honey and Merlot sauce

(serves 4)

- 4 Barbary duck breasts, off the bone, with the skin left on
- pepper, salt

For the marinade

- 2 shallots or 1 medium onion, peeled and chopped
- 1 carrot, peeled and chopped
- 3 cloves of garlic, peeled and chopped
- 1tbsp sunflower oil
- 3tbsp cognac
- few sprigs of fresh thyme
- 2tbsp clear honey
- ½pt/280ml Merlot, or other good dry red wine
- 2tbsp hazelnut oil

Lightly season the meat before you prepare the marinade. Fry the vegetables in the sunflower oil until light brown, add the cognac and flame it.

Add the thyme, honey and red wine, and cook until the mixture is reduced by half.

Add the hazelnut oil and simmer gently for ten minutes. Remove from the heat. When no more than warm, pour over the duck breasts in a bowl. Mix well, cover and marinate for 30 minutes.

Remove the duck from its marinade, letting it all drip back into the bowl. Dry the meat and season lightly. Fry, grill or roast until done to your liking, and then place the meat, covered, to rest in a warm place while you finish the sauce.

Strain the marinade into the frying pan or roasting tin, and bring to the boil, scraping up any residues. Add a little water if there is not much liquid. Cook until the sauce has a good flavour and texture. Arrange the duck on hot dinner plates.

I DO NOT care for the widespread use of the word "light" in connection with food to suggest that there is something especially virtuous about it.

However, the next recipe is lighter than the white chocolate mousse I used to make with cream and butter. What is more, this one tastes infinitely better.

Light white chocolate mousse

(serves 6: note, this recipe uses raw egg whites)

- 5½oz/150g bar of white Swiss chocolate
- 1tsp powdered gelatine
- 2tbsp rum
- 6 generous tbsp plain Greek yoghurt (ie, without stabilisers, additives, etc. Use at room temperature)
- 2 free-range egg whites

Break up the chocolate and melt it in a bowl set over hot water. Sprinkle the gelatine over the rum in a small heat-proof jar. When the chocolate has melted, remove the bowl from the hot water and allow the chocolate to cool slightly. Stand the jar in the hot water until the gelatine has dissolved. Stir into the melted chocolate and add the yoghurt gradually, beating it to keep it smooth. If you put very cold yoghurt into very hot chocolate, the chocolate become hard. Instead, combine them at similar tepid temperatures. Whisk the egg whites, and gradually combine with the chocolate. Spoon into ramekins, or into a container and store in the refrigerator. To serve, scoop out quenelles and shape with two dessert spoons.

I also use the yoghurt to make instant puddings. For example, crush blueberries with sugar and a little lemon juice, combine with the yoghurt and leave for 15 minutes for the flavours to develop.

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Latest news on eating out: who's cooking what, where

1984 REVISITED
Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons
Church Road, Great Milton, Oxford (0844-278881)
From Monday to Friday throughout March, Raymond Blanc is offering his three-course lunch *menu du jour* (normally £29.50) at £19.84, a sum chosen to commemorate the year of Le Manoir's inception ten years ago.

PARROT FASHION
The Perroquet
Berkeley Hotel, Wilton Place, London SW1 (071-235 6000)
The Perroquet is extending indefinitely its offer of two-course dinners (starter and main, or main and dessert) at £8 a head for those who take their tables before 8pm. Closed Sundays.

CAPPING PRICES
Caps
64 Pembridge Road, London W11 (071-229 5177)
On Friday and Saturday nights for the next 12 weeks Caps is offering any three courses from the *à la carte* menu for £9.95. Monday to Saturday, 6-11.15pm.

HOT TIP
Mustards Bistro à Vin
62-63 Long Lane, Smithfield, London EC1 (071-600 1111)
Sally Kimbell and François de Kerbrech aim to ease pressure on Mustards Brasserie next door with this new enterprise, opening Wednesday. Convenient for City and Barbican, the bistro will be open 11am-11pm, Monday to Friday, serving *casse-croûtes* and cheese and charcuterie platters at the bar, and a set menu (two courses £7.95), *rôtisserie* of the day and *à la carte* in the 50-seat restaurant.

PARTING SHOTS
Boulestin
1a Henrietta Street, London WC2 (071-836 7061)
A few places remain for Kevin Kennedy's pre-closing farewell nights on March 9, 10 and 11, when menus harking back to the creations of Boulestin himself will be served at £47.50 a head including the accompanying fine wines. No word yet whither Kennedy is bound.

ALTERNATIVES
L'Altro
210 Kensington Park Road, London W11 (071-792 1066/1077)
Gino Taddei, also of Cibo, Russell Gardens, London W14, has introduced an *antipasto* bar at L'Altro for lunch

RESTAURANT WATCH

(noon-3.30pm) and early dinner (5.30-7.30pm), Mondays to Saturdays. The idea is to sample a variety of different dishes, including specials which change daily, priced from £2.25 to £4, with main-course pastas if required at £6. The evening *à la carte* (7-11pm) specialises in seafood, but a meat dish has now been introduced as well.

I SHOULD
Brasserie Koko
430 Kings Road, London SW10 (071-351 0935)
Yukinobu Oshiro, formerly chef at Suntory, is now in charge of the *sushi*, *tempura* and *sashimi* at this new Japanese restaurant, which has caught the fashion for calling everything a brasserie. A tank-full of lobsters always available. Set dinners £19.50 to £35, or reckon about £30 *à la carte*. Open Tuesday to Saturday noon-2.30pm, and Monday to Saturday 6-10.30pm.

INSPECTOR'S CALL
Grange Inn
Grange Road, St Andrews, Fife (0334 72670)
Chris Trotter, formerly an inspector for the *Ackermann Guide*, with his chef Simon Lynch has transformed the style at the Grange, signposted from the Anstruther road. They supplement a short *à la carte* menu with daily blackboard specials emphasizing fresh fish and "buzz things of the moment". Reckon about £20 a head. Open 12.30-2pm and 6.30-9pm, seven days a week.

MOTOR MOUTH
Liaison
1 Shakespeare Street, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire (0789-293400)
Patricia Plunkett has regained her restaurant's name for this stylish new installation in Stratford's old motor museum, now that the Thai successors in her former premises in Solihull have opted to call their place Beau Thai. She is also reunited with her sous and pastry chefs. Light lunch and pre-theatre menus £6 to £8 a dish, and fixed-price menus lunch and dinner £19.50 for three courses or £26.95 for four. Open Monday to Friday noon-2.30pm and Monday to Saturday 6-10.30pm.

FLIGHTY PUDDINGS
Iznik
19 Highbury Park, London N5 (071-354 5697)
Among the specialities at Adem Oner's restaurant are *ekmek kadiyifi*, Turkish bread pudding made with loaves flown fresh from Turkey; stuffed capsicums; *beykoz kebab*; and the lamb and aubergine dish said to have delighted Empress Eugénie. Open 10am-4pm and 6.30-9pm seven days a week.

ROBIN YOUNG

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Which Swatches to watch

A cheap and cheerful throwaway marque transformed the face of the modern watch. But yesterday's bargains are now worth thousands

With hindsight, the cheap and cheerful plastic Swatch watch that was launched just ten years ago was a natural collectable — but who could have foreseen that today the collectors' club would have more than a million members worldwide? The UK collectors' club, The Swatch Collectors of Swatch, was launched four months ago and already has 2,000 members.

The watches don't even have to be the earliest models to be valuable. The key to collectability is the rarity of each issue. The Swiss company cannily launches different designs and different packaging in every European country. Many collectors will buy three of everything — one to wear, one to keep in its all-important and ever more adventurous packaging, and one with which to trade.

Until recently, no Swatch had been priced at more than £45, yet auction prices regularly reach thousands of pounds: a complete set of six "Havana Puff" watches of 1988 (with furry faces) would fetch £100,000. Even the comparatively humble 1985 "Blanc sur Noir" by Keith Haring is worth £1,500 (original price: £23.50).

Last October, Swatch offered a platinum-cased watch (the "Tresor Magique") in a limited edition of 12,999 worldwide: the UK allocation of 1,000 of these watches, at £1,000 each, sold out within two hours. They are now worth twice their original price.

You have just missed Swatch's latest limited edition. Last weekend 118 sponsored walkers trudged the length of the Channel tunnel. To commemorate the occasion, Swatch launched 3,100 stop watches (100 per mile) at £45 each. By Saturday, February 12, two days after being released, all were sold — with proceeds going to the Children's Society. Watch (Swatch?) out for the next collectable.

JOSEPH CONNOLLY

The latest model: Le Walk, Le Swatch, Le Game

● *Rare and secondhand Swatches may be bought at The Watch Department, 356 Grays Antique Market, 58 Davies Street, London W1Y 1LB (071-499 0564) and from Joseph Falcone, at the Gift Shop, Le Meridien Hotel, 21 Piccadilly, London W1V 0BH (071-734 6121). The Swatch Store is at 313 Oxford Street, London W1 (071-493 0237) and Swatches may be bought nationwide at branches of H. Samuel, Ernest Jones, as well as stores such as Selfridge's, John Lewis and Harrods. The Swatch Collectors of Swatch can be contacted at PO Box 350, Southampton, SO9 7DF.*

The Swatches that most collectors dream of owning. Ten of the rarest, from top left: Hollywood Dream, Havana Puff, Rorrim 5, Velvet Underground, Kiki Picasso, Hocus Pocus, Original Jelly Fish, Breakdance, Blanc sur Noir and, right, Verdu(h)ra.

TOP TEN

MORE than 100 million Swatches have been sold in ten years. Annual production is about 30 million. The watches are sold in 65 countries across five continents. Here are ten of the rarest, and most valuable, models:

1. Kiki Picasso 1985 £21,000.
2. Havana Puff 1988 £13,000.
3. Velvet Underground 1985 £4,000.
4. Original Jelly Fish 1983 [illegible]
5. Blanc sur Noir 1985 £1,500.
6. Verdu(h)ra 1991 £1,400.
7. Rorrim 5 1987 £1,300.
8. Breakdance 1985 £800.
9. Hollywood Dream 1990 £750.
10. Hocus Pocus 1991 £450.

Saleroom

REVIEWS

Sotheby's was right in predicting that it would break the world record price for a doll, with a unique, turn-of-the-century, porcelain-headed example made in Germany by Kammer and Reinhardt. The uncannily realistic doll was bought by a German collector for £188,500, against an estimate of £150,000-£200,000.

☐ Original artwork from steamy pulp-fiction novels of the Forties and Fifties was in demand at **Bonhams**. Best performer, at £1,210, was the cover of *Slaves of Passion* by Roland Vane (showing two female "slaves" undressing), sold for ten times the estimate. Not surprisingly, buyers remained anonymous.

☐ Valentine's Day was celebrated in style at **Christie's**, South Kensington, where the National Postal Museum, London, paid a record £660 for a rare 1790 puzzle card. A paper-doll Valentine depicting Cupid, and a hand-written love letter, fetched £330.

PREVIEWS

☐ Attractions at **Christie's** "fine" sale next Thursday include an attractive George III mahogany and marquetry four-post bed in Robert Adam's "Etruscan style" (£2,000-£3,000), and a George II-style side-table (£10,000-£15,000).

☐ **Sotheby's** "fine" offerings next Friday include an elegant, 11-piece painted-wood suite made for Sir Richard Arkwright, whose spinning jenny revolutionised the textile industry. His descendants hope to raise £50,000-£70,000. A William and Mary cabinet used by the writer Vita Sackville-West is estimated at £5,000-£6,000.

☐ Bargain-basement Old Masters can be found at **Bonhams** next Thursday when an unframed 18th-century *Portrait of Lord North* will be offered (£200-£400).

☐ **Bonhams** offers 600 vintage fountain pens on Friday. Estimates range from £30-£2,000, but a silver-plated Parker "snake" model could break the £14,520 record.

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

● *Christie's, King Street, London SW1 (071-839 9060). Sotheby's, New Bond Street, W1 (071-493 8080). Phillips, New Bond Street, W1 (071-629 6602). Bonhams, Montpelier Street, SW7 (071-584 9161). Christie's South Kensington, Old Brompton Road, SW7 (071-581 7611).*

Joanna Quinn, animator and director, confesses her sins and celebrates her saving graces

vices & VIRTUES

GLUTTONY: I eat lots of food, drink lots of wine, yet I'm quite slim. My favourite food is pesto and pasta, because it's quick and huge.

PRIDE: I have more pride in other people than I have in myself, especially ex-students of mine from Newport School of Art and Design who have done well. *I'm not proud of my* achievements but I'm proud of my Irish background.

SLOTH: Other people say I am a workaholic, but I am lazy. The evening before a deadline, I sit with my pesto and pasta and watch omnibus editions of *EastEnders* and *Brookside* all night. I then get up at the crack of dawn to finish my drawing.

WRATH: Everybody thinks I never lose my temper, but with my partner, Les, I'm a moody old bag.

ENVY: I'm not an envious person, except perhaps of *women* who have cheekbones, because I have the fattest cheeks in the world.

LUST: In every film I've made there have been naked men. I really enjoy drawing naked men.

AVARICE: I panic sometimes when I haven't any money — I have bills to pay, and three hungry cats.

HOPE: I see good in everything and everybody and then get let down when they turn out to be scoundrels. I have enough hope for three people.

CHARITY: I'll give to anyone, but I can't receive. I never ask anybody to do anything for me.

JUSTICE: I hate it when I see injustice. I even protected a British Rail woman once: a man was calling her an old cow. I went mad at the man and he slunk away.

FORTITUDE: I never give up on anything. Part of my problem is not saying no, so I end up with lots on my plate. Doing animation can be boring: there were about 8,000 drawings for my last film.

FAITH: My faith is my humour: humour helps everybody live through horrible times.

PRUDENCE: I'm not prudent: I'm spur-of-the-moment. I'll do anything because I'm a fatalist. If I don't take a well-paid job, it won't bother me. It was *never meant to be.*

TEMPERANCE: I'm always the last to leave parties. I wring everything dry of entertainment. I hate going-home time.

Interview by Edward Marriott

Echoes of voices from another age

Ruth Gledhill finds her spirits lifted by worship at Durham Cathedral

FOR those of us expecting the thunderous sounds of an organ, there was a sense of bathos when, instead, we heard the slow movement from Beethoven's "Pathéoque" sonata (Op. 13), played on the piano.

The unexpected beauty of Durham Cathedral, with its icy air, the delicate wooden carvings and cold stone walls, created a curiously intimate atmosphere among those of us seated in the choir. I was in an honorary canon's stall, the best seat in the house after the ornate 14th-century Bishop's throne next to it. Opposite and above me were the organ pipes, silent while the console is rebuilt.

We were at matins, with a congregation that was largely middle-class and middle-aged, dressed warmly in long, expensive woollen coats and tweeds.

Durham Cathedral was built on the site of the 10th-century White Church, the shrine of Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, the most popular saint of the North East.

The opening line of scripture in the enchanting language of the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer* set the tone for me of the entire morning. "The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart. O God, shalt thou not despise," read the precentor, David Meakin, from Psalm 51.

Without an accompanying organ, the boys' voices echoed through the vaulting as if from a former age as we progressed through the "Te Deum" and the "Jubilate Deo".

In the Creed, we spoke of the Holy Ghost instead of the Holy Spirit, and used the more intimate "thou" and "thy" instead of "you" and "your" throughout the liturgy. The Archdeacon, the Venerable Derek Hodgson, preached on declining respect for the monarchy, Parliament and other institutions. He said: "We have seen a walking away, physically, emotionally and mentally, from the great institutions of our national life."

The communion service, about 15 minutes after the close of matins, was celebrated in the choir, although congregations are increasing to the point where the dean and chapter are to move it into the nave.

Many undergraduates from Durham University attended the communion services. The congregations at both included Captain Dick Annand, of the Durham Light Infantry, a holder of the Victoria Cross from 1940, and his wife Shirley. I sat next to Alastair Sharp, a retired circuit judge, and his wife Daphne.

Regular members also include Professor Arnold Wolfendale, the Astronomer Royal, and the cathedral Chapter includes the Rev Margaret Parker, Durham's first woman minor canon.

Over coffee, served between the services, we discussed the Right Rev Michael Turnbull, who succeeds the controversial David Jenkins as Bishop of Durham. Canon Hodgson said: "The response has been uniformly positive. He is sure of a warm welcome." Worshippers were interested in his pastoral style, which they judged good and caring, and were impressed by his readiness to say what he believes.

There were about 150 people at each service; the number doubles during the summer tourist season. Dr Jenkins, who preaches on the main festival days, can be relied on to pull in a big crowd.

For communion, I joined those who spilled over into the nave, where we were handed hymn books without the music line, and where even tone-deaf worshippers sang with glorious abandon, enjoying the freedom inspired by the architecture around us.

We were led into the liturgy by Ruth Etchells, a member of the General Synod. There was something extraordinarily beautiful about the clear tones of a woman's voice announcing the hymn, the readings and the psalm.

The Dean, the Very Rev John Arnold, preached from the choir, delivering his message on New Testament miracles of healing with powerful conviction, his voice at times shaking with passion. He said: "Nowadays, Christian healers should follow Jesus not so much by copying his words and gestures literally as by using the techniques and knowledge of our day with similar zeal and faith."

To receive communion, we knelt at the high altar in front of the intricate Neville screen, behind which lie the remains of Cuthbert, and above which is suspended a spectacular blue, red and gold tester.

At the end, there was something almost ghostly about the way the Dean and Chapter, then the choir, processed out to the sound of Schubert's "Impromptu" No 4 in A Flat. Their soft tread became a faint rhythm beneath the music that kept many of us in the congregation transfixed in our seats, haunted by the notes long after the last echoes had died away.

● *Sunday Services: Holy Communion 8am and 11.15am, Matins 10am, Evensong 3.30pm.*

The Cathedral Church of Christ and Blessed Mary the Virgin, Durham, DH1 (091-386 4266).

DEAN: The Very Rev John Arnold.

ARCHITECTURE: 12th-century Romanesque, the finest example of its kind in England. Breathtakingly beautiful.★★★★★

SERMON: Discursive for matins, exegetical at communion.★★★★

LITURGY: The 1662 *Book of Common Prayer* for matins, with the modern Rite A from the *Alternative Service Book* for communion.★★★★

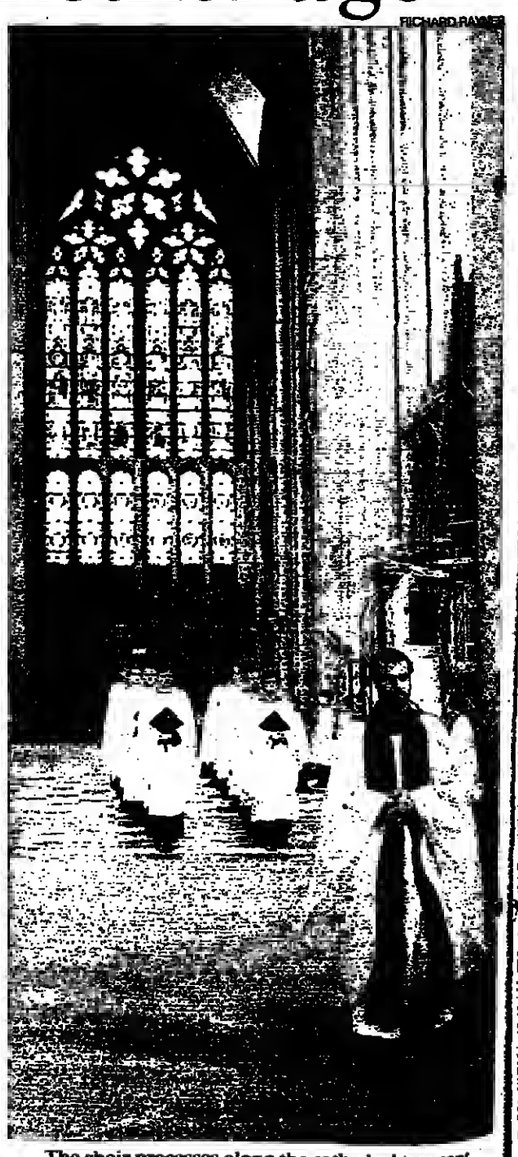
MUSIC: The organ was out of action and we heard Beethoven, Brahms and Schubert by pianist Keith Wright, with anthems by Byrd sung by a choir of men and boys, directed by James Lancelot.★★★★★

SPIRITUAL-HIGH: Security and vulnerability inspired by the early-Norman fortress feel to the building, and the sensation of being in a house of God reaching heavenwards from the setting of the river Wear. ★★★★★

AFTER-SERVICE CARE: We strolled through the monks' door and the shaded cloisters for coffee in the Prior's Hall, former dining-room of the deanery, and orange juice or sherry after communion. ★★★

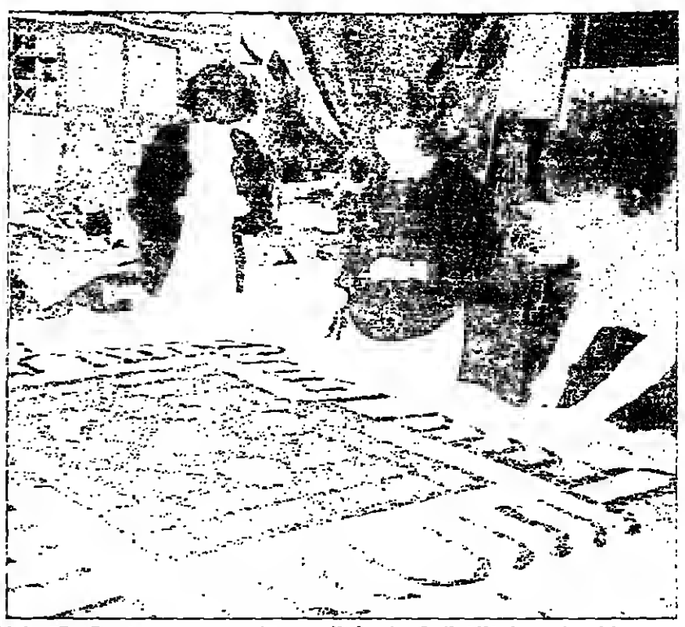
★ *Stars are awarded to a maximum of five.*

RICHARD RAVEN



The choir processes along the cathedral transept

Patchwork quilts were once a byword for thrift. Today, the labour involved in their creation makes them luxury items



At Woodstock House, Shropshire, Pauline Burbidge takes a course in design (left), while (centre) Pauline Thomas gives a machine embroidery course. Right: The Borderers put together a quilt for the Quilt UK championships

The quilt comes in from the cold

Just as patchwork was beginning to look like a remnant of the last century, it is back as a bespoke product, tailor-made to the needs of the 1990s.

Before time became money, patchwork was a byword for thrift. Now the 500 hours it can take to assemble as many as 10,000 one-inch squares into a king-sized quilt makes it a luxury item.

"Even the materials can cost more than £100," says Chris Pollen, of Puddleducks, in Sevenoaks, Kent, which sells fabrics and organises workshops. At least ten metres of material is needed for a patchwork quilt, at a starting price of £6 a metre; a basic backing fabric costs a minimum of £20; wadding is almost £20; American quilting thread costs £2.15 a spool, and plastic sheets for making the templates cost £2 apiece.

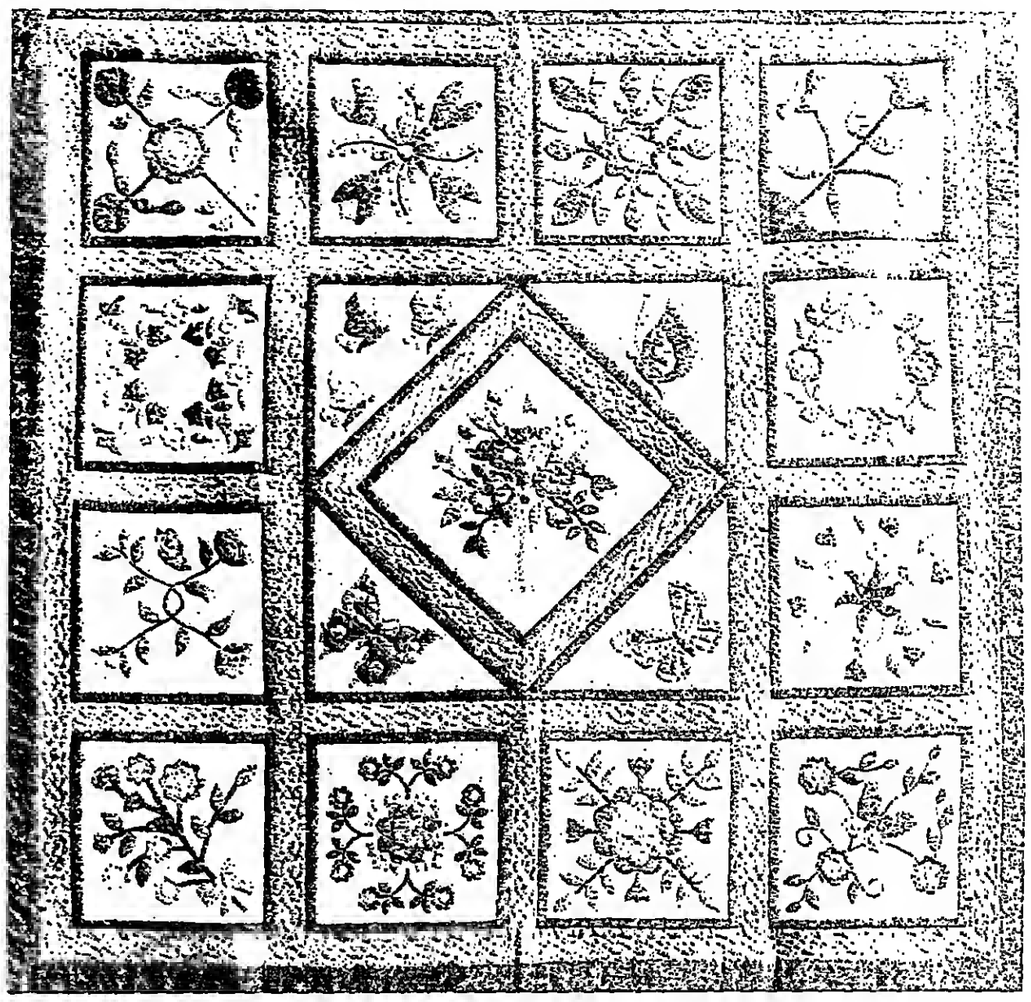
In the past there was a cost in human terms as well. The Welsh miners' wives who sold patchwork to London hotels in the 1930s worked in cold, isolated conditions. Through the ages, people have sewn scraps together in fading light at the end of an exhausting day out of harsh necessity.

A modern patchwork is far more likely to be worked in a comfortable drawing room by four ladies who have formed a quilting bee and will give the proceeds to charity, or as a commissioned piece from one of the new cottage industries.

The individuality of each patchwork means that shops usually buy on a sale or return basis. However, "People who make quilts often feel that they can't tie up such a large capital resource of material and energy in that way," says Julia Walker, who has sold her quilts in shops, but now concentrates on commissions. Some shops, such as Liberty, do sell English and American patchwork quilts, but the ones found in many other department stores are from China, the Philippines or India. The low prices for these imports, from about £65, baffle English patchworkers.

Rachel Martineau, who runs the Mill Quilt Company, in Presteigne, Powys, says: "I think these foreign quilts are fine to put in a spare room, but I've found that they lack durability. Everything we make is individual and often a quilt incorporates fabrics which the customer has collected over the years. Some are very traditional." Others involve elaborate shadings and colour tones to give effects as striking as mandalas and Celtic knotwork.

Right: Baltimore style appliqué quilt, 1989, by Heirlooms Quilting Studio, Littlebourne, Kent



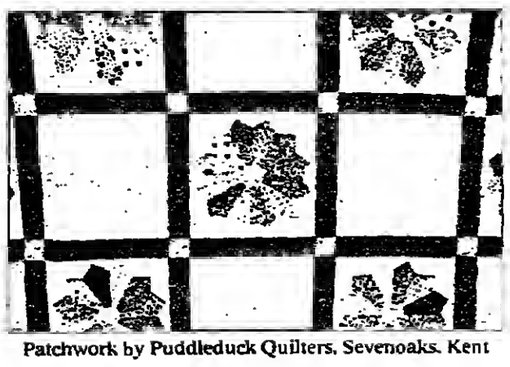
Above: rhododendron star quilt by Julia Walker. Left: a quilt from the Mill Quilt Company of Powys, Wales

Most individual quilters concentrate on a narrow range of styles, and are usually happy to send photographs of their work to give an idea of what they do.

"The colours of modern fabrics are wonderful. You can move them around like paint," says Janet Twinn, who did a fine arts degree at St Martin's College of Art, in London, taught design, and now feels patchwork has revolutionised her life. New materials have colour-fast dyes, are non-shrinking and are washable, so they avoid many of the problems that beset patchwork in the past.

Nothing can compete with an antique patchwork for sheer nostalgia-value. The market is fed with a steady supply of quilts from the north of England, Wales and America, made redundant by the popularity of duvets. Prices range from £50 to £12,000. Style, the number of pieces of cloth involved and, above all, the condition of a quilt are all crucial determiners of price.

Some Victorian patchworks, particularly where silks and velvet are involved, are difficult to wash, so the redolence of nostalgia can be a mixed blessing. Some dyes fade prematurely because of the type of chemical in the dye. Some quilts have become tanered through the combining of inappropriate materials.



Patchwork by Puddleduck Quilters, Sevenoaks, Kent

Patchworks designed for hanging may still have their backing papers in: these are often recycled household accounts, spent legal documents or newspapers. The backing of one Lincolnshire coverlet was found to be made up of cut-up letters written by Alfred, Lord Tennyson.

People have been doing patchwork since they first found out how. With the stirrings of early civilisation, some of it was put out on display: in the sails of the ships of Rameses III (1187BC-1156BC); in Egyptian ceremonial canopies made from dyed gazelle hide; in relic bags and votive cloths sewn by Buddhist priests between the 6th and 9th centuries in India.

Quilting was introduced to the West by the crusaders, but it took the importing of calicoes from India in the 17th century to establish its appeal as something more than utilitarian.

From then on, distinctive styles developed. In Wales, squares tended to be large, often flannel, and sometimes rather crudely oversewn. Across Durham and Cumberland, colours tended to be subdued.

In America, although the early colonists could only use textiles from England because of strict trade rules, styles turned away sharply from those in the homeland. Lack of space meant pioneers could often only work in blocks which were later stitched together to make up the whole patchwork. This, the "log-cabin" style, made in lighter and darker coloured strips without templates, became most popular.

Patterns were named to reflect the preoccupations of the settlers' lives: drunkard's path; the endless chain; Lincoln's platform; free trade.

These and the bold colourscapes of the Amish and Mennonite religious sects became blueprints for the craft worldwide.

Whether old or new, for hanging on a wall, draping on a bed, wearing as a hat, jacket or trousers, patchwork has come into its own as the essence of recycling, cocking a snook at the throwaway culture of the 1980s.

JESSICA GORST-WILLIAMS

Patches of creativity all around the country

☐ The National Patchwork Association, PO Box 300, Hethersett, Norwich, Norfolk NR9 3DB (0603 812259) will answer general enquiries. Membership costs £9 a year, including quarterly magazine.

☐ The Quilters' Guild, PO Box 66, Dean Clough, Halifax, West Yorkshire, HX3 5AX (0422 347699 between 1 and 2pm). Membership £20 for adult. Also has an expanding young quilters' group (£5 a year).

☐ Liberty, Regent Street, London W1R 6AH (071-734 1234): patchwork bedspreads and quilts from £950; "Ingenuity" off-the-bolt patchwork by the metre in four colourways, £37 per metre.

☐ Jan Jefferson, JJN Amish Quilts, 22 The Embankment, Bradford MK40 3PD (0234 356785): double bedcovers from £350, wall hangings £40-£150, cushions £25, small patchwork items from £3.

☐ The Mill Quilt Company, The Walkmill, Discoed, Presteigne, Powys, Wales LD8 2NT (Tel/fax: 05476 251): illustrated brochure, commissions; king-sized quilts from £220, cot quilts from £30 (cot quilt kits also available), cushions from £15.

☐ Rosemary Marozzi, Heirlooms Quilting Studio, Little Court, Nargate Street, Littlebourne, near Canterbury, Kent CT3 1UH (0227 720936): courses and commissions; specialises in Baltimore quilts and others.

☐ Julia Walker (0959 561714): works to commission; cushions from £15, cot quilts about £85, jackets £120-£150, double quilts £500-£600.

☐ Jennie Lewis (0342 321745): commissions; American block-design quilts take six weeks and cost between £300 and £500.

☐ Kate Gardner's quilting bee (0732 761985): makes to specification and gives proceeds to charity. About £400 for a quilt.

☐ Jen Jones Antiques, Welsh Quilts and Blankets, Pontbrendu, Llanybydder, Dyfed, Wales SA40 9UJ (0570 480610): cottage quilts from £50, cushions from £28.

Rosemary Marozzi in her studio

☐ Carole Barnes American Country Quilts, (0892 722489): antique patchwork from Georgia and Alabama, some even made out of animal feed sacks, from £250.

☐ English and Co, Mortimer House, Castle Street, Hay-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR3 5DF (0497 821205): Antique Welsh patchwork quilts, £65-£250.

☐ Judy Greenwood Antiques, 657, Fulham Road, London SW6 5PY (071-736 6037): English patchwork 1850-1920, £100-£300.

☐ Woodstock House, Craft Centre, Brimfield, near Ludlow, Shropshire SY8 4NY (0584 711445): courses (accommodation available), haberdashery, fabrics and books.

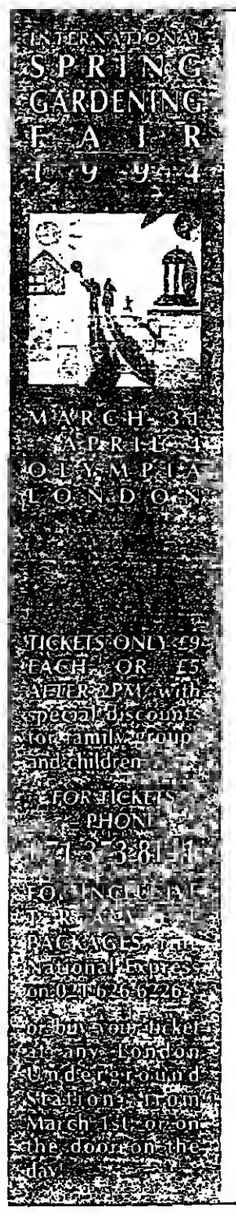
☐ Puddleduck Quilters, 116 St John's Hill, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3PD (0732 343642): open 9.30am-5pm weekdays, 9.30am-12.30pm Saturdays; sells all you need for patchworking and organises courses.

☐ The Quilt Room, Shop 20, West Street, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1BL (0306 740739): open Monday to Saturday, 9.30am-5pm: mail order.

☐ Rear Carvilles, Station Road, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1HQ (0306 877307): very wide range of kits, fabrics, patchwork equipment and books.

☐ Village Fabrics, Unit 7, Lester Way, Hithercroft, Wallingford, Oxfordshire OX10 9DD (0491 836178): everything you need to start patchworking. Send £4.50 plus sae for samples, brochures, etc.

☐ Annette Claxton's *Creative Patchwork. A Practical Guide*, was published by New Holland in November, price £16.99. Enquiries 081-659 1890. She also makes quilts, mainly with Australian themes.



ALL THE FLOWER AND THE GLORY at EASTER WEEKEND

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Far left: A reminder of the Soviet past overshadows a shopper waiting for a taxi outside the luxury shopping mall Petrovka Passage.

Left centre: Fur may be favourite but padded anoraks, imported from Korea and China, are cheap and popular alternatives for many Muscovites.

Left: Fur hats and football scarves are equally useful to shoppers when it comes to preventing blue ears in Red Square.

Below: Women and children in front of St Basil's Cathedral cover every option — hats, hoods, scarves, gloves, overcoats and boots — in a totally practical version of the layered look.

Left: Susanna Avetisova and Anatoli Panasyuxov, dancers with the Moscow Classical Theatre of Ballet, have just returned from Paris where Anatoli bought his leather flying jacket. "I now buy all my clothes abroad," he says. "I used to wear fur hats but now I've seen the West, never again."

Right: Marina Siumona wears a thick fur coat on her way to work as the manageress of a beauty salon in Moscow.

The latest exercise craze, which is said to burn up 400 calories in 30 minutes, has slipped into Britain's fitness studios

Slide and glide challenge for flagging fitness fans

"Sliding is a bit like ice-skating, only the views aren't as good," says Ron Holmes. He is a beginner in this latest aerobic sports craze from the United States, which entails using the actions of an ice-skater on a slippery sheet of plastic.

"If you're in the fitness business you're always looking for change," says Lydia Campbell, who has been running slide classes at her fitness studio in Battersea, southwest London, since last August.

Slide, like the step up, step down exercise, was devised by sports physiotherapists in America, where it was used to rehabilitate and strengthen torn ligaments. Now it is often combined with the step exercise to provide something new for flagging steppers.

"What's different is that slide fires up all your muscles in one go," Ms Campbell says. Whereas running and aerobics work the quadriceps (muscles at the front of the thigh), slide targets these plus the buttock muscles and the inside and outside leg muscles. The lateral motion of slide combined with the vertical motion of step creates "balanced muscular development," Ms Campbell says.

As well as being a good cardiovascular exercise, slide is low-impact, with little outward stress on the ankles, knees or hips.

"If you're gliding rather than jumping, there's less pressure on the joints," says Mark Rayner, the managing director of Leisuretime (UK), which makes slide equipment, and which has been researching the benefits for five years.

The plastic slide measures 6ft by 2ft and has a bumper at either end. Exercisers wear nylon drawstring bootees over trainers to reduce friction to zero.

The movement, Ms Campbell says, is similar to the movements used in ice-skating. So, as an inept skater — my only visit to a rink resulted in a fractured ankle — the comparison filled me with dread when I attended one of Ms Campbell's "Step and Slide" classes. After a 20-minute warm-up and an introduction to basic step, the class prepared for the slide. My group was multi-level, with beginners on one side of the room and more experienced sliders on the other.

Ms Campbell demonstrated the method — pushing one foot against the bumper of the slide and then pushing off on her other leg to reach the other side of the slide. It looked effortless, but took some practice to get smoothly from one side to the other.

Comforted by the belief that sliding is easier and safer than ice-skating, I put a little more energy into launching off and bent my knees to increase momentum.

Despite the lack of friction, three minutes' sliding is just as taxing as aerobics. American research claims that 30 minutes on the slide burns up at least 400 calories.

Sweating and panting, I took off my bootees and returned to the step exercise. "We don't let first-timers do more than three minutes at a time on the slide," Ms Campbell says. Short bursts alternated with step are much healthier. "If you're body isn't used to such a new action you have to be patient and build up slowly."

Another burst on the step and then I was back on the slide. Exercisers with low concentration thresholds will appreciate how easy it is to learn. By my third attempt, I felt at ease with the friction-free surface. "That's why people like it," Ms Campbell says. "It's so simple, unlike dance choreography where your legs and arms are everywhere."

Classes offering fancy loops and pirouette turns on the slide are to be avoided, Ms Campbell says. "I would only ever do anything like that for a professional display. If the moves are getting that wild it usually means the teacher is bored and trying to please herself, not the pupils."

Judging by Ms Campbell's Saturday morning session, pupils are willing to put in the practice necessary to slide smoothly and happily. "This class is much busier now that we do the slide. We've added something new so people are making the effort to come along."

Helen Russell, a solicitor, is pleased with the results. "It's working all the right muscles", she says, panting between glides, "and it's more fun than an exercise bike."

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- *Other centres which offer slide exercises include: Sequinpark, 240 Upper Street, London N1 (071-704 9844) (membership about £500 a year); Lingfield Health Club, 81 Belsize Park Gardens, London NW3 (071-722 6414) (about £525 a year, plus joining fee £90).*
- *The Leisure Slide costs £64.95 from Leisuretime (UK) (071-487 3201).*

Emma Cook gets into her stride at her first "slide" session at the Lydia Campbell fitness studio in Battersea, southwest London

The slide exercise entails using the actions of an ice-skater on a sheet of slippery plastic. Nylon bootees, worn over trainers, help to reduce the friction

Three minutes' sliding at a time is usually enough for a beginner

Where fur is the height of fashion

Memo to Major from Moscow: hat fine, now how about the coat?

As Moscow's temperature drops to -18C, the on-the-street fashion is fur. Part sartorial, part survival, the fur coat, hat and even boots are considered essential dress by Muscovites, whether they are commuting on the metro or attending a night at the Bolshoi. In Russia, the fur coat — Britain's ultimate fashion *faux pas* — is, in the words of Nadia Radayeva, a tour guide, "every girl's dream".

It wasn't always so. Before Russia opened up to Western marketeers, the price of fur was prohibitive, so most Muscovites dressed uniformly in wool overcoats of muted colours. Lola Topchieva, a photographer's assistant and fashion enthusiast, says: "About four years ago there was nothing in the shops and women wore only tweed and wool coats. Whatever the season the colours were the same, dull grey, brown or black."

Now the shops and even kiosks offer a range of clothing, although the disparity in purchasing power between Moscow's haves and have-nots grows by the day. But even an acute shortage of money has not dulled the appetite for shopping, and Moscow's vast flea markets throb with bargain hunters. In 1991, President Yeltsin issued a decree legalising street trade and detonated an explosion of traders who hawk cheap clothes around metro stations, on the pavement or in the flea markets.

The street traders' wares — cheap foreign furs, shell suits and garish woollens — form the fashion staples for most of Moscow. "The traders either import clothes or go on budget trips to Greece, Korea and China and bring back boxes of clothes to sell," says Ms Radayeva. This winter's hot sellers include snoods (soft hoods), made in Korea from brightly coloured angora, and stirrup leggis. "People buy snoods", Ms Topchieva says, "not because they are fashionable, but because they are inexpensive and available."

The most famous Russian store, GUM, faces on to Red Square and tempts 400,000 customers a day. Shoppers queue up to browse round boutiques such as Galeries Lafayette, Benetton, Escada and Christian Dior. Prices are in dollars but, since a government edict last month, payment must be in roubles.

A soldier in uniform and his girlfriend present a traditional Soviet image in Red Square

Galeries Lafayette, which opened in GUM a year ago, has been surprised by what its commercial director Philippe Baudion describes as "the Russian thirst to consume". He estimates that 90 per cent of his customers are Russian. "Rich Russian taste is chic but at the same time very showy," says Mr Baudion. "They love prestigious brands, and they want people to know they have paid a lot for an item."

Galina Sinelnikova, who also works at GUM, sees it from a Russian's perspective. "It's true that Russian ladies' great desire is to wear the most expensive item possible," she says. "But for so long everyone dressed in the same style, now women want to dress differently and distinguish themselves." For the dollar-rich élite, shopping malls such as GUM and Petrovka Passage have raincoats selling for $1,000 (1,560,000 roubles) and Etienne Aigner handbags at $500 (780,000 roubles).

Since the Gorbachev years, haute couture customers have been shopping in the Moscow salons of the Russian designers Viacheslav Zytsev and Valentin Yudashkin. Zytsev, famous for dressing Raisa Gorbachev, is renowned for his fantastical creations. Yudashkin, the young blood of couture, designs similarly glitzy, embroidered and beaded clothes with prices starting from $800 (1,248,000 roubles).

Yudashkin has an office in New York, a studio and shops in Moscow, and he plans to open stores in Israel and Los Angeles. He feels that Russian designers are commercially disadvantaged compared with those in Europe. "In the West, the designers have a huge industrial system backing up their degn houses," he says. "Here we have gifted designers but they must work independently and alone."

Svetlana Kunitsina, a Russian fashion journalist, says that the availability of Western haute couture has led clients to favour Western labels. Local designers are feeling the pinch. "So many of the nouveau riche", says Ms Kunitsina, "prefer Western labels like Christian Dior."

Unlike Europe, where couture still influences fashion further down the line, Russia's street fashion is dictated by what's new from abroad. Ms Kunitsina blames the glut of this cheap clothing for undermining native fashion style. "Although there was no money before, poverty did at least provoke the imagination," she says. "We used to have more fun with fashion and take it to the extreme, now everything is so commercial."

In contrast, Ms Sinelnikova believes that Russian women have gained awareness from their new choice of clothes. "We've grasped Western women's idea of style and now dress better than they do."

ALICIA DRAKE

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Left: Vasilian Arcadi a theatre director, and Ivanova Olia, who is unemployed, on their way for lunch at McDonalds in Moscow. She wears a fur coat which she has just bought for 300,000 roubles (£100), and he wears a fur hat. "I've never worn a fur coat before", Ms Olia says, "but as I get older I'm starting to feel the cold."

Below: Assya Dujeva, an economist for a Russian coal firm, keeps warm in a fur hat and coat. "Women in Moscow have started to wear smarter clothes and dress in a more interesting style in the last couple of years."

Bottom: Anton Farmakovsky, a chorister with the Choral Academy of Moscow, wears a hat made from husky fur which was given to him by a friend in Siberia. "It's the only one like it in Moscow," he says.

Photographs by Jeremy Nicholl

MODES

Jerusalem

A look at the world of international trends and trend-setters

HEADY HEIGHTS
Some of Israel's most hawkish former generals have found unexpected support from the country's growing ranks of hedonists for their campaign to keep the Golan Heights. What fills the upwardly mobile with fear is not just the prospect of handing back the ridge to Syria but of losing the area that contains the country's only ski slopes, and the vineyards that produce the best wines, includingGolan. "A Frenchman would never return Bordeaux to the English", goes the argument, "so why should we return the Golan to Syria?"

HIT MAN HIT
The prospects of an imminent withdrawal of Israeli forces from the squalid and violent Gaza Strip has inspired a reserve soldier to write an anthem for the Israeli fighting man. Abraham Levy, who wrote "Goodbye Gaza" *(Shalom Azza)*, reached number one in the Israeli charts this month with his lyrics: "I'm leaving without sorrow/I'll forget my reserve duty." Unfortunately, the songwriter spoke too soon. Delays in the pull-out have meant that he and his son have each had to do an extra tour of duty in the hated coastal strip.

BURGERVILLE
Israelis resent being labelled "the 51st state", a name acquired because of the massive American aid the country receives. However, Israelis today like to do their shopping in American-style malls and eat at McDonald's. Even the country's sacred kibbutzim, co-operative farms, have not been spared. One has sold shares on the Tel Aviv stock exchange, a second is paying salaries according to ability, and a third is being turned into a country club.

NIGHT RELIEF
For those seeking a little light relief from Jerusalem's relentless spiritualism, the world's religious capital now boasts its own Orthodox Jewish nightclub, in the basement of a synagogue. It is called Zoosha, and is named after a mythical 18th-century Hasidic storyteller. "We filled a gap, a spiritual gap," says Shaike El-Ami, the co-owner.

KILLER COMMENT
Tune in to any of Israel's numerous talk shows and phone-in programmes and the conversation inevitably turns to Derek Roth, a British immigrant murdered in his taxi earlier this year. Israelis, used to political violence, were shocked when police arrested two teenage boys from a wealthy Tel Aviv suburb for the motiveless shooting. As Israelis come to terms with the unprecedented concept of Jews killing Jews for kicks, Abraham Hemo, a sociologist who specialises in juvenile crime, said: "I must say I am jealous of the Palestinians. They still have a sense of purpose, of working to create something."

OUT OF TUNE
After almost a year heading the opposition Likud party, the right-wing leader Benjamin "Bibi" Netanyahu has failed to galvanize the country, particularly young Israelis, against the government. Bibi is still humiliated by the fact that last year more Israelis turned up for a concert by Michael Jackson than attended his rally to protest against the Israel-PLO peace agreement.

RICHARD BEESTON

Over the last few years the opening up of previously out of bound areas of the former Soviet Union has allowed us to offer some fascinating new journeys. The opening last year of the main naval port of Sevastopol permitted us to sail our MS Caledonian Star into this previously closed city. Since our memorable visit we have been hankering to return and now we believe we have found the ideal itinerary.

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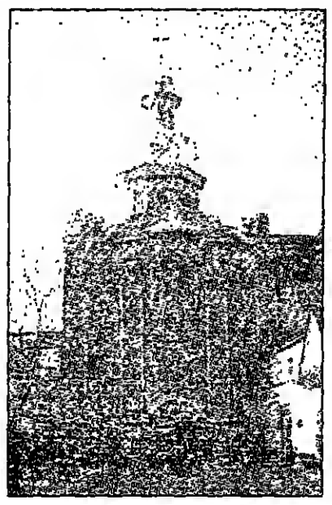

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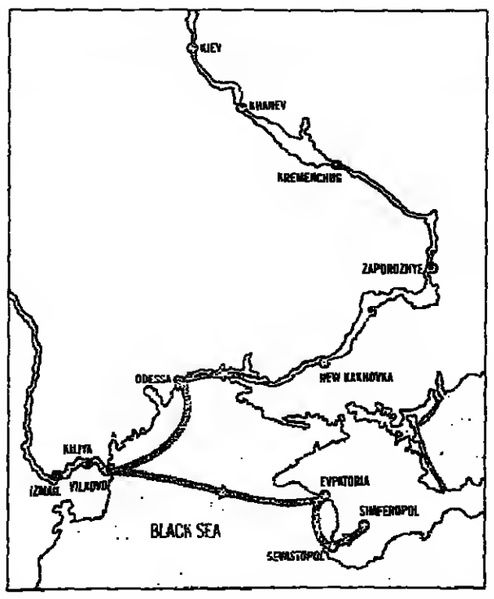

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DAY 12 Evpatoria A leisurely day in this Crimean resort, but be sure to see the fine Tatar-Turkish 16th century Dzhuma-Dzhami Mosque.

DAY 13 Sevastopol The siege of Sevastopol and Crimean War comes vividly to life at the Panorama Museum where murals painted on the wall of the circular building tell a fascinating story. Optional afternoon excursion to the battle-fields. Moor overnight.

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Frances Bissell launches *The Times*/Baron Philippe de Rothschild Cook of the Year competition for 1994

Martha Spencer, winner in 1993, with guest judge Brian Turner

Amateur cooks: a chance to shine

I caught up with Martha Spencer in the kitchen at Turner's restaurant in Walton Street, London SW3, where she was putting the finishing touches to *gâteau de crabe au champagne et asperges*, flavoursome crab cakes on wilted spinach with asparagus in a champagne butter sauce.

Mrs Spencer won the first prize last year in *The Times*/Baron Philippe de Rothschild Cook of the Year competition. She had already enjoyed the first two elements of her prize (a trip to Bordeaux, including a private visit to Château Mouton Rothschild, and a week's advanced course at Leith's School of Food and Wine), and was now revelling in every minute of the third part, three days' work experience with guest judge Brian Turner at his restaurant, Turner's.

Her message for those thinking about entering this year's competition is simple: "Go ahead and do it. It's the best competition I have ever been in. The prizes are wonderful, and you're not asked to do anything difficult."

The prizes are indeed generous. Each of the 12 finalists will receive two cases of Mouton Cadet. The prizewinner and two runners-up will visit Bordeaux in early June this year for a gastronomic and vinous treat. They will wine and dine in one of Bordeaux's best restaurants and at Château Mouton Rothschild itself, in Pauillac in the Haut-Médoc, after travelling the "Route des Vins", and seeing famous châteaux and vineyards on the way.

The winner will be given the opportunity to study the more advanced techniques of pastry making and sauces at Leith's, and also the chance to gain three days' valuable work experience with Brian Turner.

You can use those days as you wish. Mrs Spencer chose to serve dinner to a table of eight in the restaurant. But this year's winner might prefer to learn about purchasing and cooking for large numbers, or how to perfect stock, or to test out some new recipes. However experienced you are, you are sure to enjoy it, and you will learn a great deal.

Mrs Spencer says that her husband, Monty, who is her culinary mentor, can expect more "man food", *rognons de veau*, for example, and other offal dishes. "He's always asking me for those sorts of dishes, and I never knew what to do with them before.

"Now that I have seen it done here, I am not so intimidated by it," she says.

Whatever kind of cooking you do at home, we would love to read your menu and recipes. I shall be chairing a panel of judges that includes Victor Ceserani, former head of the School of Hotelkeeping and Catering, Ealing College; Fiona Burrell, principal of Leith's School of Food and Wine; Polly Addelsee of Baron Philippe de Rothschild (UK) Ltd, and Brian Turner, chef patron of Turner's restaurant and chairman of the Académie Culinaire.

Obvious as it might seem, it is a good idea to practice cooking the dishes you choose to enter. We were quite surprised last year to discover that, in one or two cases, the contestants, having submitted a menu, had not actually cooked and served the dishes together before the time came for the cook-offs.

This competition is for those who love to cook so, as Mrs Spencer says, go ahead and do it. You never know, you might be chosen as one of the 12 finalists, and cook your way to Château Mouton Rothschild.

Rules and conditions of entry

1. The theme of the competition is good home cooking, such as you would serve to a party of six close friends.

2. The competition is open to amateur cooks, not to those engaged in the catering profession or who, in any way, earn money from their cooking.

3. Each entry should be accompanied by a short biography of the competitor, including background information on his or her interest in cooking, and reasons for choosing the menu.

4. Contestants must give complete recipes for the starter, main course, pudding, garnishes and accompaniments, and a full list of ingredients and quantities required, and explicit instructions for the preparation and method. Servings should be for six people.

5. Entries must be typed or clearly written, **using one side of the paper only**, naming the dish, ingredients and method, in that order, together with an indication of which wine should be served with the first and second courses, bearing in mind that the judges will be partnering the food with Mouton Cadet, either white or red. Send entries to: The Times/Baron Philippe de Rothschild Cook of the Year Competition 1994, 1 Relton Mews, London SW7 1ET. **All entries must arrive by last post Friday, March 18, 1994, and must have an address and a daytime telephone number.**

6. From the written entries, 12 will be chosen and contestants notified by March 24. Contestants will be asked to prepare their three courses in the presence of the judges at Leith's School of Food and Wine, 21 St Albans Grove, London W8 on Wednesday, April 6, Thursday 7 or Friday 8. Maximum preparation and cooking time allowed will be 2½ hours, when the first course will be served. No advance preparation may be carried out at home. The judges, who may question contestants on the theory, practice and techniques involved in any stage of the cooking, will expect to see the whole meal prepared from start to finish.

7. Marks will be awarded for taste, originality, presentation, overall balance of the menu and compatibility with the wines.

8. The kitchen is equipped with all standard utensils and dishes, but contestants will be required to supply any unusual equipment and their own knives. The hobs, ovens and grills are gas-fired and electric. Competitors must furnish their own ingredients, but the organisers will reimburse the cost.

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The room that says grace

The return of the dining-room and pleasures of formal settings

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Having given themselves permission to slum it in the kitchen, it seems people now hunger for ceremony and grandeur. There has been a return to the views of Mrs Beeton, who wrote: "Dining is the privilege of civilisation. The rank which people occupy on the grand scale may be measured by their way of eating their meals. The nation which knows how to dine has learnt the leading lesson of progress."

In the 1980s, some people lost patience with the chill acres of unused mahogany dining-table taking up a room of its own that nobody ever went in. Big, "country" kitchens became the thing: green Wellingtons and dog baskets moved first into the trendier parts of London, and then into show houses on new estates nationwide.

Many people gratefully followed the trend, and turned their dining-rooms into playrooms. Conservatories became the new eating areas, furnished with rattan chairs, and plates and glasses that could go in the dishwasher. City types perched in high-tech kitchens under the glittering eye of halogen bulbs, and dinner was announced by the ping of the microwave.

Now, although eating in the kitchen is undoubtedly here to stay, kitchen *dining* is out. The ceremony of dining-rooms appeals: the escapism of it, the romance of candles, silver and feasting. Fleur Rossdale, an interior designer, says that people have realised that they still want to make a fabulous dinner once in a while. "They want everyone to make an effort and come and dine properly in the dining-room, which should be done up in gorgeous rich colours, with comfy chairs, candles and a prettily arranged table."

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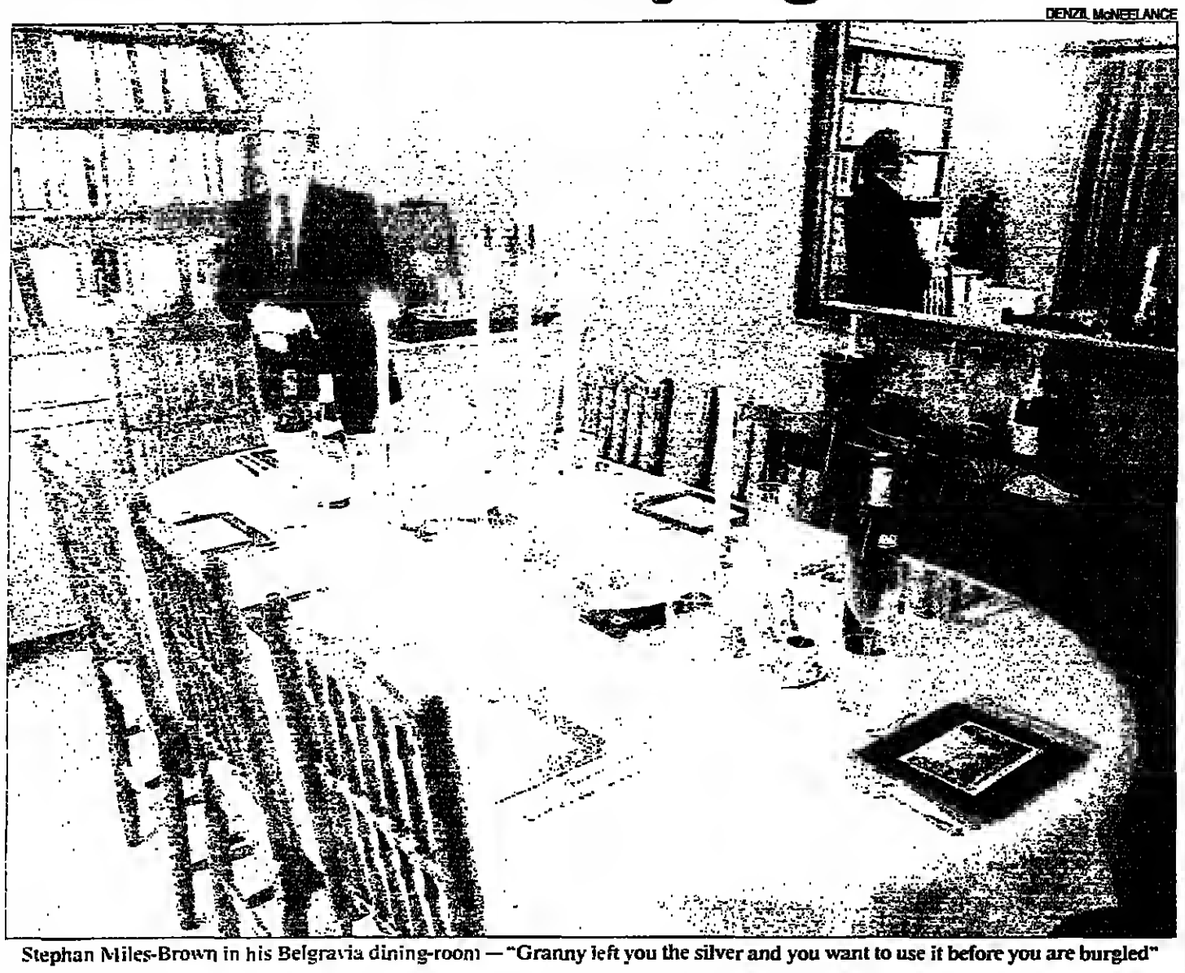

Stephan Miles-Brown in his Belgravia dining-room — "Granny left you the silver and you want to use it before you are burgled"

Stephan Miles-Brown, an estate agent, agrees. His dining-room, recently redone in "antique crimson", is in the basement front of his house in Belgravia. "Formal dining has definitely made a comeback," he says. "Granny died and left you the silver and you want to use it before you are burgled."

David Part, the chairman of the General Trading Co, Sloane Street, southwest London, has reclaimed his country dining-room from the children. He thinks that as people get older and have more disposable income, they return to formal entertaining. But it takes effort, as good glass and old china cannot be slammed into the dishwasher.

Susannah Welby, who lives in Lincolnshire with her three daughters, says she cannot envisage being without a dining-room "because I make a horrible mess in the kitchen".

She knows people who have given up their dining-room to the children, and says that she will not do it, however pushed. "I hate the puritanical 1990s, where everything is run by our children," she says. "I want to return to vulgarity and indulgence."

She thinks a dining-room should be intimate, with dark colours, glittering mirrors, candlelight and a huge centrepiece of flowers or fruit, which the French call a *cache-misère*, so that diners hidden from their spouses can flirt a little. But she does not use her dining-room all the time.

In contrast, Simon Playle, an interior designer, feels strongly that every meal, including breakfast, should be taken in the dining-room. He, his wife and 17-year-old daughter have three courses every night in the candlelit dining-room of their little flat in Fulham, west London.

"It might be terribly simple, the first course just a sliced tomato with some olive oil dribbled over it and some fresh ground pepper, and the pudding might just be a stewed pear, but the ceremony of the three separate courses, followed by coffee taken at the table, is sacrosanct," he says.

The Playles dine late, at about 9pm, and rarely leave the table before 10.30pm. And before they eat they change out of their daytime clothes. Such habitual dining means that they are joined by single friends two or three times a week.

It seems that the abandonment of the dining-room was but a brief blip. It is back, still rather masculine, a symbol of the family's pedigree and a repository of values transcending fashion.

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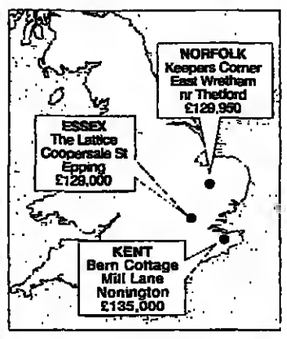

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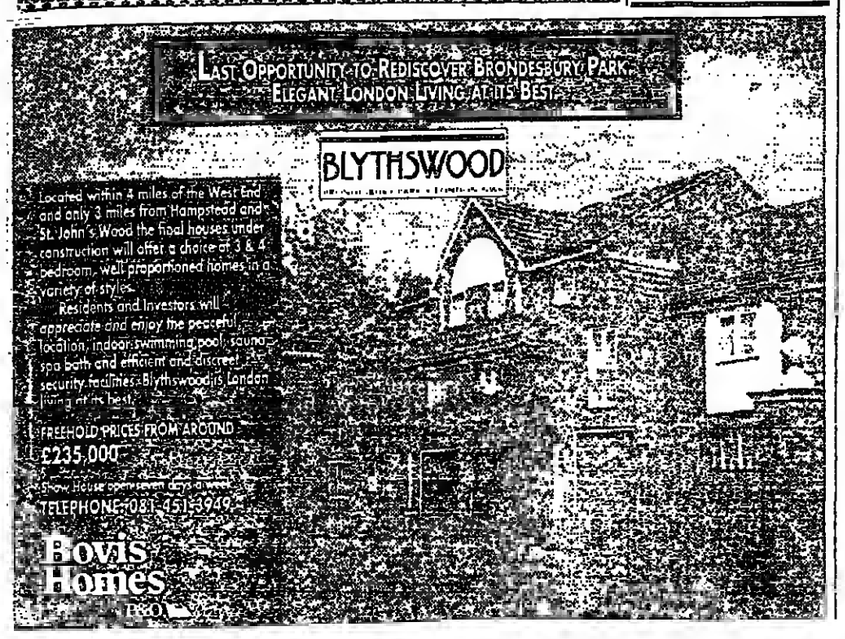

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Downhill on the toothbrush run

Who needs snow? Who needs mountains? Dry skiing is not only cheaper but a lot closer to home

JOHN HOULIHAN

Next stop Lillehammer: the Harrison family at the top of the dry ski "piste" at Sheffield Ski Village. £50 covers them for a week

The scene is typical of any Alpine ski resort. A group of skiers in brightly coloured snow suits stand poised at the top of a 200-metre slope. But something is missing. Snow.

No matter. This is a dry ski slope, where snow is replaced by a slippery nylon-fibre matting. There are now 95 all-season ski slopes in Britain, providing entertainment for active families with outdoor interests and giving them good practice for the real thing.

The Vizzard family, of Rawtenstall, Lancashire, enjoys dry skiing so much that they never miss a Friday night at the Ski Rossendale centre, which also runs a Saturday morning Kids Club. "We all ski for an hour and then go out for a burger," says Keith Vizzard, the father of Kirsty, seven, and Joseph, four. "The centre is near our home, and it's nice for the children to see that their parents can enjoy the same things they do. There's also an excellent competition structure: you should see all the trophies on our mantelpiece! It gives the children something to work for and makes them feel good."

The Vizzards started their Friday night outings after Kirsty's school organised ski lessons. "It's a marvellous hobby because it appeals to such a wide age group," says her mother, Janet. "Last year we took Kirsty abroad to ski. The instructor there couldn't believe it was her first time on proper snow."

Dry skiing is not all plusses, says David Hearn, of the Ski Club of Great Britain. "The surface of most dry ski slopes is bristly, like an upturned toothbrush. You can hurt yourself from falls just as you can on snow."

Mr Hearn says it is important to check out your chosen dry ski site before booking. "The nursery slope area should be supervised separately from the main slope so that beginners are not mown down by fast skiers. Also, check the state of the equipment. The matting should be well maintained, as worn patches could cause you to trip. A misting system (to keep the matting wet) is another plus point; it helps to keep the friction down so that the skis move well over the surface.

"Ideally there should be a button lift, with small button 'seats' on which you sit, rather than a rope lift, which you have to hang on to be drawn along standing upright and which might not be suitable for nervous children. There should always be a first-aid service.

"And check the price before booking: some centres charge an annual membership, which could cost up to £50 or more. Session fees are extra, about £3-£8."

Dry skiing is suitable for children from the age of about five. Christopher Harrison, of Sheffield, started when he was four. His mother, Gillian, says: "Our eldest son, Mark, now 14, began dry skiing with his school when he was ten and we thought 'What a good idea, why don't we all do it?'"

Mrs Harrison and her three children (Mark, Amy, 13, and Christopher, now eight) ski three times a week. Mr Harrison has so far declined to join them ("he plays golf instead"). The weekly skiing bill of £50 is not too great a price for a hobby which they all enjoy, Mrs Harrison says. The children have joined the junior ski club (called Shark) at Sheffield Ski Village (billed as "Europe's largest artificial ski resort").

Dry skiing doesn't simply involve gliding down slopes. The Harrison children describe some of the variations on the theme: "I do freestyle now, a sort of ballet on skis," says Amy, who recently came sixth in a national competition. Mark prefers snowboarding ("a bit like surfing with skis on") despite having broken a leg while doing so. "I was in plaster for six weeks but it hasn't put me off skiing."

To help protect themselves against injuries, the members of the junior ski club wear face guards and helmets. "The instructors are very safety conscious," Mrs Harrison says. "And the advantage of a special ski centre is that you can learn the right movements in a controlled environment."

At the Hemel Ski Centre, in Hertfordshire, the children look forward to the Monday night race club. Sue and Rod Ferguson's children — Sarah, 13, and Andrew, 11 — have been skiing since they were five years old, partly because their father is a ski instructor.

"There are four different slopes here of varying heights to help children, and adults, progress," Mrs Ferguson says. "We get a lot of families here who have never been on real snow."

Next month, some of these skiers could be skiing on "real" snow in Britain. The Snowdome at Tamworth, 14 miles north of Birmingham, which is due to open next month, claims it will be "Europe's biggest indoor real snow ski slope". It will have a piste 150 metres long and 30 metres wide. Membership fees will be £35 for adults and £25 per child (or £70 per family). How will the organisers produce real snow? Bruce Bennet, a spokesman for Snowdome, isn't telling.

If all goes well, it will certainly beat the cost of a trip to the Alps.

JANE BIDDER

● *For details of your nearest dry ski centre, contact the Ski Club of Great Britain, 118 Eaton Square, London SW1 (071-245 1033). Snowdome, Tamworth (0827 67905). Hemel Ski Centre, St Albans Hill, Hemel Hempstead, Herts HP3 9NH (0442 241321). Ski Rossendale, Haslingdon Old Road, Rawtenstall, Lancashire BB4 8RR (706 228844). Sheffield Ski Village, Vale Road, Parkwood Springs, Sheffield S3 9SJ (0742 769499).*

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Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, W8 (081-693 5432). Sunday, 11am-5pm. Age 5 and upwards.

☐ **Stories and Storytelling:** Tales of giants, fisherman and warriors.
Bethnal Green Museum, Cambridge Heath Road, E2 (081-980 3204). Tuesday (7 years and over), Wednesday (5 years and over), Thursday (3-8 years), 1pm and 3pm. Admission free.

☐ **Chinese New Year Celebrations:** Meet the Chinese lion and the Monkey King. Learn how to make lanterns and paper fish, enjoy traditional music, dance and songs.
Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7 (071-938 8638). Admission donation adults £4.50, child £1, under 12s free. The activities are free.

CAMBRIDGE

☐ **Sacrewell Farm and Country Centre:** Visit the animals on the farm, take one of the nature trails and see the working water mill or enjoy the maze and the trampoline.
Thornhaugh, Peterborough (0780 782222). Open daily, 9am-9pm. Adult £2, children, 11-16 years £1, 2-10 years 50p.

CUMBRIA

☐ **The Magic Finger:** Roald Dahl's tale of the extraordinary, produced by the Open Hand Theatre Co.
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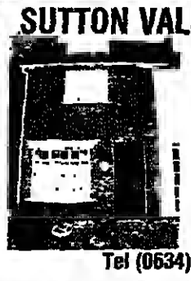

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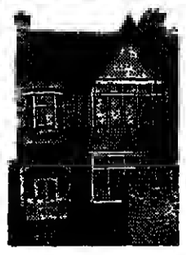

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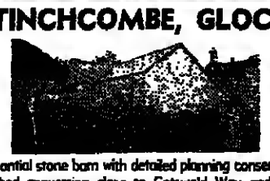

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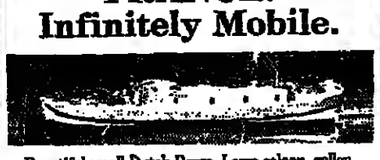

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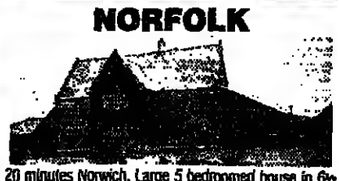

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Whether you use a chainsaw or secateurs, pruning is the key to healthy roses, but it is an art rather than an exact science

The recently restored rose garden at Warwick Castle is modelled on the original Victorian design

I have seen roses thrive after brutal pruning, and glorious blowsy bushes of up to seven metres in height that have been left completely alone when it comes to pruning.

Some gardeners follow a meticulous pruning formula, others make bold sweeps with a chainsaw. I believe that rose-pruning is a matter of temperament rather than science. You can do almost anything, as long as you use basic common sense: you will not get away with planting a hugely rampant variety in a small space, for example.

The recently restored rose garden at Warwick Castle, which recreates the Victorian design laid out in 1868, is a pleasingly proportioned pattern of rose arches, pillars and geometrically shaped beds, pathways and lawns. There Sid Elswood looks after roses of many different kinds, grown in ways which could act as a model for a domestic garden. Having battled against muntjac deer and rabbits as well as pests and disease, the garden is now well established and into its eighth season.

Managing roses is largely a matter of balancing feeding and pruning to get the best results. Mr Elswood thinks, as I do, that pruning is best carried out from the end of February into early March and that the main feeding can be carried out at the same time. He adds bonemeal to the soil, mulching thickly with well rotted manure. Mulching is of special value in conditioning the soil at Warwick, as it is light and sandy.

Most of the roses are varieties which could have been found in the original garden at the turn of the century. The pink China rose "Bloomfield Abundance" scales the supports of the rose tunnel, with the cream and lemon rambler "Albéric Barbier" providing a robustly healthy roofing. Several of David Austin's English roses feature in the garden because, although modern, they are bred from old-fashioned roses and fit well with the period classics. "Warwick Castle", bred specially for this garden, is one of them, but Mr Elswood's favourite is "Mary Rose", which makes a shapely shrub about a metre in spread and rather more in height, well hung with deep pink, full-petalled fragrant blooms. These roses flower throughout the summer and require pruning in much the same way as hybrid teas — a hard cutting-back in February.

The floriferous and scented ramblers "*Félicité Perpétue*" and Gertrude Jekyll's favourite, "The Garland", were chosen for the two-metre pillars and arches. "Too vigorous really," Mr Elswood says, but he mitigates this by cutting them back at the end of the summer.

In February, he also cuts out dead and diseased wood and does the final shaping. He does not use clips or ties, but winds the rose branches around the pillar, untwisting them for pruning.

The same technique is used for the rambler rose "Princess Louise", which cascades through clipped, domed hollies. While the rose is being pruned, the holly is clipped, then the rose is reinstated. Like its support, this resoundingly healthy rose is almost evergreen. Its flowers, white with soft pink, show up well against the glossy foliage.

The richly scented Portland rose "Comte de Chambord" is only lightly pruned and shaped in March because it tends to die back. Surprisingly, it is less strong in this garden than the reputedly tender pink China rose "Cécile Brunner". Pruning here involves cutting back new shoots by about a third, and — an important task for all kinds of rose — removing all dead or diseased wood.

Some roses (hybrid musks, Bourbons and hybrid teas, for example) are healthier and better-looking for judicious pruning. Those plants trained on supports need regular attention, and careful pruning of very vigorous varieties can avoid the risk of seriously damaging the rose later in its life by drastic cutting-back.

FRANCESCA GREENOAK

JOHN MASON

Tree tubes protect young saplings in winter and act as miniature greenhouses in summer

You can't beat the tube

Tree tubes provide protection and encourage growth for young saplings

WHEREVER young trees are planted today, you will see tree tubes, or Tuley tubes as they used to be called, after the man who invented them. They are on every motorway embankment and in every new roadside spinney, rank upon rank of evenly spaced pale verticals, like a military cemetery, each with a young sapling inside. Never were young trees protected so easily from the hazards of infancy.

Tree tubes have been in common use commercially for more than 15 years, but they are still rarely used in gardens. But as time goes by, more and more gardeners are beginning to realise the advantages of planting trees when they are very young, about 20-40cm high. Often the tree which was planted small will outstrip one which was planted as a standard. While the expensive standard tree spends years getting over the shock of transplanting and inevitable root loss, the seedling settles down almost at once and roars away. With the protection of a tree tube, it will grow even faster.

The tube provides winter protection and acts as a miniature greenhouse in summer, the extra warmth inducing very rapid growth. A 15cm oak seedling inside a 60cm tube should be coming out of the top in the first year. In the meantime, the tube is proof against the depredations of rabbits, mice and big feet. However, the base of the tree must be free of grass and weeds at planting, or they too will be out of the top in a few warm weeks and will smother the tree.

The growth of the tree can be further increased by killing the grass in a 60cm circle around its base for a couple of years. The systemic herbicide Glyphosate will kill everything it is sprayed onto, but the tube will act as a guard to protect the young tree from drift. Alternatively, a biodegradable mulch mat of wool or plastic may be spread around the tree to suppress weed growth for the first few years. The advantage to the tree of protecting it from competition is well worthwhile. Trials at Wye College, in Kent, a few years ago found that trees growing in competition with rough grass still looked like saplings after five years. Over the same period, trees with all competition sprayed out grew into round-headed, happily maturing specimens twice as high.

Tree tubes come in a range of patterns and sizes. Some are supplied flat and are made into a roll at planting time. Some are flat and fold out to a square cross-section. Some come as conical tubes which stack inside each other. All of them are very light and attach by wire or plastic ratchet to a steel rod, bamboo cane or a small stake. There is no hard work involved, no carrying of tall stakes, no heavy hammering, no messing about with chicken wire to keep rabbits off. A tree tube can be fixed in seconds with the minimum of effort. A 60cm tube costs about £1.

NOT all trees enjoy life in a tube. Those with large leaves, such as the horse chestnut, struggle to expand and feed themselves properly. Beech hate the close, moist conditions, and fall prey to beech aphid and then sooty mould. Conifers too are the wrong shape for tubes, but they can be planted in shrub shelters, a kind of broad, outsize tree tube.

In the end, the choice of protection will depend on what animals you wish to keep off. A 60cm tube is usually sufficient to deter rabbits, unless snow gives them a leg up. Where rabbits are a serious problem, saplings are better off in a circle of chicken wire and canes, if you can afford the effort. A 1.2-metre tube will keep off roe deer, but not fallow or red deer.

Once you start to use tubes longer than 80cm or 90cm, there are other problems. A seedling oak may reach the top of a 1.2-metre tube in as little as two years, but it could not then stand up on its own. There follow a worrying few years while this gangly young tree begins to make branches, which increases wind resistance at the top, with only the slender tube support to rely on. Sometimes such trees may need restaking. They may also bend in the wind and rub on the top of the tube, damaging the bark. However, some tubes have protected tops to prevent this. With 60cm tubes, rubbing is rarely a problem, and a very high percentage of fast-growing, wind-firm young trees are produced.

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- *Prune dogwoods grown for coloured stems to the ground; cut one in three stems from those with variegated leaves, or prune down totally every two years.*
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FILMS

NEW RELEASES

A BRONX TALE (18): Potent yarn of father, son and neighbourhood wiseguys, from Chazz Palminteri's one-man show. A strong directing debut by Robert De Niro.
MGMs: Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) ***Swiss Cottage*** *(0426 914098)* **West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303)

LA CRISE (15): Misfortunes rain down on the French bourgeoisie Attractive social comedy from Coline Serreau with Vincent Lindon and Patrick Timsit.
Everyman (071-435 1525) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Odeon** ***Haymarket*** *(0426-915 353)*

FLIGHT OF THE INNOCENT (18). Italian urchin flees family tragedy. A good subject let down by vulgar images. Director, Carlo Carlei.
Metro (071-437 0757)

Liam Neeson from Steven Spielberg's *Schindler's List*

SCHINDLER'S LIST (15): German businessman (Liam Neeson) saves his Jewish *workers* from the camps. Impressive, grown-up epic from Steven Spielberg co-stars Ralph Fiennes and Ben Kingsley.
Empire (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

THE AGE OF INNOCENCE (U): Scorsese's spellbinding, heartfelt version of Edith Wharton's novel about stifled love in old New York. With Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer and Winona Ryder.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) ***MGM Chelsea*** *(071-352 5096)* **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THE BLUE KITE: Tian Zhuangzhuang's powerful, beautiful study of one family's travails in postwar China.
ICA (071-930 3647)

CARLITO'S WAY (18): Can Al Pacino's gangster go straight? Lively ethnic-flavoured drama from Brian De Palma, with Sean Penn and Penelope Ann Miller.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031)

THE CONFORMIST (18): Bertolucci's spellbinding version of Moravia's novel about a *professor sucked into 1930s* Fascism, made in 1969. With Jean-Louis Trintignant and Dominique Sanda.
Everyman (071-435 1525) **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561)

ETHAN FROME: Over-polita version of Edith Wharton's grim novel of thwarted love, with Liam Neeson, Patricia Arquette and Joan Allen. Director, John Madden.
National Film Theatre (071-928 3232)

FAREWELL MY CONCUBINE (15): Chen Kaige's bumper bundle of dazzling visuals, Peking Opera, *and Chinese history. With Leslie* Cheung and Gong Li
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) **Electric** (071-792 2020/0328) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

FREE WILLY (U). Tearaway lad finds his soulmate, a surly amusement park whale. Family film that aims low and hits. Simon Wincer directs
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303) **Warner** (071-439 4343)

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER (15) Father and son share a prison cell. Powerful, urgent film inspired by the Guildford Four stars Daniel Day-Lewis, Pete Postlethwaite and Emma Thompson Jim Sheridan directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800-833 997) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303) **Warner** (071-439 4343)

MANHATTAN MURDER MYSTERY (PG): Woody Allen and Diane Keaton turn amateur sleuths Benign, frivolous comedy with Alan Alda and Anjelica Huston
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Odeons: Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

MRS DOUBTFIRE (12): Divorced dad gets hired as the family's housekeeper Indulgent, crude and funny vehicle for Robin Williams. With Sally Field and Pierce Brosnan Director, Chris Columbus.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 8705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **Screen/Baker** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

NIGHT OF THE ROCK 'N' ROLL ALIEN DELINQUENTS: A four-hour celebration of the 1950s includes screenings of *Creature from the Black Lagoon* (in 3-D) and *The Girl Can't Help It*, plus live acts.
Prince Charles Cinema, *Leicester Square, London W1* (071-437 8181), today, 7-11pm.

THE PIANO (15): Jane Campion's magnificent tale of repression and desire With Holly Hunter, Sam Neill, Harvey Keitel.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

THE REMAINS OF THE DAY (U): Life and lost chances of an English butler Merchant Ivory's coldly glamorous account of Kazuo Ishiguro's novel with Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Curzons: Mayfair** (071-465 8865) **West End** (071-439 4805) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057)

WAYNE'S WORLD 2 (PG): The dude duo mount a rock concert. Silly but sweet comedy sequel, with Mike Myers and Dana Carvey. Director, Stephen Surjik.
Empire *(0800 888911)* **MGMs Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

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AN ABSOLUTE TURKEY: Felicity Kendal plays a harassed wife and Griff Rhys Jones a frantic bachelor, in Peter Hall's most enjoyable production of Feydeau's *Le Dindon*
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

AND WOMEN MUST WEEP: Four short plays by Schnitzler, set in a Viennese boarding-house, newly translated for this enterprising company.
Greenwich Studio Theatre, Prince of Orange, Greenwich High Road, SE10 (081-858 2862). Tues-Sun, 8pm. Until Mar 13.

APRIL IN PARIS: Gary Olsen and Maria Friedman in John Godber's simplistic play about the benefits of travel.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Tues-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm and Sun, 4pm.

CABARET. Jane Horrocks (Sally Bowles) and Alan Cumming, fresh from Hamlet, as the MC, dancing *with death in the last days before* Hitler.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed, Sat, 3pm..

CURSE OF THE WEREWOLF: See a man change into a savage brute before your very eyes! New thriller by Ken Hill, who brought us *The Invisible Man*.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford, E15 (081-534 0310). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats (in March) Thurs and Sat, 2pm. Until Mar 19.

JANE EYRE: Alexandra Mathie *and Tim Pigott-Smith do their best in* Fay Weldon's puzzling version of the well-known melodrama.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 3pm.

THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR: Gogol's evergreen satire transposed to Ulster before the *First World War*. Dan Gordon and Sylvester McCoy play the down-and-outs mistaken for officials.
Tricycle, Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000) Tues-Sat, 8pm; mats Sat, 4pm, Sun, 5pm and Mar 2, 2pm.

EDDIE IZZARD: The man is back for another solo season of comedy and sharp good sense.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until Mar 19.

KIT AND THE WIDOW: JANUARY SALE. Suave and stinging, the musical satirists pass comment on the social scene with their familiar skill.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm; Sat, 6pm and 8.30pm.

Singer Heather Small of the Brit award-winning dance group M People (see Music)

THE KITCHEN: Stephen Daldry's in-the-round Wesker. The *stalls will not be in use; there is* seating on the stage at Dress Circle level, and a kitchen on scaffolding in between, with 30 chefs rushing manically about.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Now previewing, 7.30pm. Opens Tues, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat (from Feb 26), 3.30pm.

THE LIFE OF GALILEO: David Hare's new version of the Brecht. Richard Griffiths plays the *worldly-wise scientist hamstrung by* the Inquisition.
Almeida, Almeida St, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Until Mar 31.

MACBETH: Derek Jacobi and *Cheryl Campbell play the hell-hound* and his dame in Adrian Noble's goodish production.
Barbican, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Today, 2pm and 7.15pm. Last performances next Sat.

THE MADNESS OF ESME AND SHAZ: New Sarah Daniels play: God sends a troublesome niece to disturb the retirement years of a woman who'd rather be learning the piano.
Theatre Upstairs*, Royal Court*, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 2554). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Sat (from Feb 19), 4pm. Until Mar 5.

THE NEW MENOZA: First in the Gate's season of 18th-century "Age of Un-Reason" drama: Jacob Lenz's hero is an oriental traveller trying to apply good sense to the manic crises of a small German town.
Gate, Pembridge Rd, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until Mar 19.

David Neal in *Pere Goriot* at the Orange Tree theatre

PERE GORIOT: A father's self-sacrificing love for his unimpressed daughters: Geoffrey Bevers adapts and directs Balzac's novel.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Mon-Sat. 7.45pm; mat Thurs, 2.30pm; Sat, 4pm. Until Mar 12.

SWEET CHARITY: Transfer, after sell-out run at the Man in the Moon, for Phil Willmott's production, with Charlotte Bicknell in the lead.
BAC, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223). Previews today and Tues, 8pm; tomorrow, 6pm. Opens Wed, 8pm Then Tues-Sat, 8pm; Sun, 6pm. Until Mar 20.

THE THREE LIVES OF LUCIE CABROL. Complicité's profoundly moving staging of John Berger's tale of an Alpine woman loving and enduring all.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (081-748 3354). Previews from Wed, 8pm. Opens Feb 28, 8pm. Until Apr 9.

WICKED, YAARI: Opening venue for the National Theatre's educational tour of Gary Lyons's play about British Asians.
Watermans, *Brentford High* Road (081-568 1176). Today. 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

WILD THINGS: *Described as a* snapshot of life at a psychiatric hospital but poorly focused *when at its Salisbury premiere.*
Warehouse, Dingwall Road, East Croydon (081-680 4060). *Preview* Tues, 8pm. Opens Wed, 8pm. Then Tues-Sat, 8pm; mat Sun, 5pm. Until Mar 20.

REGIONAL

DUNDEE: Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath* opens this week. *Iain Reekie's co-production with* 7:84 Company tours to Edinburgh, Glasgow, six other Scottish venues and London's Shaw Theatre.
Rep Theatre, Tay Square (0382 23530). Previews Thurs, 7.30pm. Opens Fri, 7.30pm. Until Mar 19.

LOUGHBOROUGH: Dr Evadne and Dame Hilda celebrate 21 years *as Hinge & Bracket with a 20-*date tour between now and July.
Charnwood, Town Hall, Market Square (0509-231914). Wed, 7.30pm.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE. Opening of the 18th RSC winter season here. At the Theatre Royal: Robert Stephens heads an excellent cast in Adrian Noble's production of *King Lear*. In the Playhouse: Michael Feast in Eliot's *Murder in the Cathedral*.
Theatre Royal, Grey Street (091-232 2061). Opens Mon. Then Mon-Sat, 7.15pm. **Playhouse**, Barrs Bridge (091-232 2061). Mon-Sat, 7.15pm; mats Thurs, Sat, 2pm.

MUSIC

CLASSICAL

GLENN BRANCA ENSEMBLE: Few composers offend the delicate sensibilities of high-minded music critics quite as much as Glenn Branca does. Anyone keen to find out why should pack the *earplugs before setting off for* this concert, which features the world premiere of Branca's Symphony No 10 for massed electric guitars and percussion. The publicity material's promise that the concert will be "very loud indeed" is not *a vain one; but unprejudiced* listeners may find that the noise is not without art.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800). Thurs, 7.45pm

PHILHARMONIA ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS: American conductor James Levine, working with British forces for *the first time in 15 years*, conducts Berlioz's "concert opera" *The Damnation of Faust*. Anne-Sofie von Otter, Gary Lakes and José van Dam are the soloists.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), tonight, 7.30pm.

NORTHERN LIGHTS. Manchester's celebration of its own rich musical culture enters its final full week. Single highlight among the varied programmes of contemporary music by composers with Manchester connections is a performance on Tuesday by the BBC Philharmonic of Sir Peter Maxwell Davies's 1979 opera *The Lighthouse*. The composer himself conducts.
Royal Northern College of Music (061-273 4504), Tues, 7.30pm.

OPERA

RIGOLETTO: Nuria Espert's solidly realistic production of Verdi's grim tragedy returns to Covent Garden. Gilda is sung by Young-Ok Shin; Leo Nucci (tonight, Tues) and Giorgio Zancanaro (Fri) sing the title role; Francisco Araiza, the Duke. Simone Young conducts.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), tonight, Tues, Fri, 7.30pm.

ENGLISH TOURING OPERA: The renamed Opera 80 arrives at Sadler's Wells for a week-long run of this year's two shows: a revival of Stephen Medcalf's delightful *staging of Donizetti's comic* masterpiece, *L'Elisir d'Amore* (Tues, Thurs, next Sat), and a new production by Thomas de Mallet Burgess of Puccini's *La Boheme* (Mon, Wed, Fri). Both feature *impressive young casts and are* performed in new English translations by the indefatigable Amanda Holden.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916), Mon to next Sat, 7.30pm.

ARIODANTE: Della Jones heads the cast in this Cardiff run of David Alden's moving and stylish staging of Handel's opera, acclaimed on its earlier outing at ENO *In London*. *Felicity Palmer*, Alwyn Mellor, Susannah Waters, Gregory Cross and Umberto Chiummo offer strong support. Accomplished Handelian Marc Minkowski conducts.
New Theatre, Park Place, Cardiff (0222 394844). Thurs, 6.30pm.

ROCK

ERIC CLAPTON: After his blues gigs last year, the enduring rocker returns with a more varied repertoire. February 28 sees a performance in aid of the charity Crisis, marking his 100th Albert Hall concert.
Albert Hall, London SW7 (071-589 8212), tomorrow to Tues, 6.30pm, Thurs to next Sat, 6.30pm. Then Feb 28, Mar 1 and 2 and Mar 4-6, all 6.30pm.

M PEOPLE: *The irresistible trio*, who received the Best British Dance Band awards at the Brits last week, receive tasty support from like-minded disco troupe, Sub Sub.
Newport, Newport Centre (0633 259676), tomorrow, 7pm. ***Wolverhampton****, Civic Hall* (0902 312030), Mon, 7pm. **Glasgow**, Barrowlands (031-557 6969), Tues, 7.30pm. London, Brixton Academy (071-924 9999), Thurs, 7pm. **Manchester**, Free Trade Hall (061-834 1712), Fri and next Sat, 7.30pm.

S.W.V.: New York's gospel-trained Sisters with Voices combine sweet harmonies with streetwise lyrics.
London, Labatts Apollo *Hammersmith* (081-741 4868), today, tomorrow and Thurs, 7pm. **Manchester**, Labatts Apollo (061-242 2560), Mon, 6.30pm. **Birmingham**, NEC (021-780 4133), Tues, 6pm. **Bradford**, Maestro (0274 304455), Wed, 7pm.

TORI AMOS: The start of a tour from the US singer-songwriter promoting her frank and fearless new album, *Under the Pink*.
Newcastle Upon Tyne, New Tyne Theatre (091-261 4386), Thurs, 7.30pm. **Coventry**, Warwick Arts Centre (0203 524524), Fri, 7.30pm.

JAZZ

ANDY SHEPPARD: More hot, funky big band sounds from the saxophonist and his Big Commotion.
Barbican, London EC2 (071-638 8891), Fri, 7.30pm.

BARBARA THOMPSON AND PARAPHERNALIA: The composer *and saxophonist has released* another fine album of emotive soundscapes, *Everlasting Flame*. She concludes her tour at Ronnie Scott's, London, February 28 to March 5.
Farnham, The Maltings (0252 726234), today, 8pm. **Frome**, *Merlin* Theatre (0373 465949), tomorrow, 7.45pm. **Exeter**, Arts Centre (0392 421111), Mon, 8pm. **Plymouth**, Mayflower Sailing Club (0752 662526), Tues, 8pm. **Bridport**, Arts Centre (0308 427183), Wed, 8pm. **Poole**, Arts Centre (0202 670521), Thurs, 8pm. **Bath University**, University Hall (0225 826777), Fri, 7.30pm.

MARIA FRIEDMAN: The star of the West End play, *April in Paris*, presents an evening of classic and lesser-known songs including those by Sondheim, Gershwin, Porter, Weill and Bernstein. The setting for this Sunday night gig is apt: the Donmar has been *transformed into a nightclub for* its current production of *Cabaret*.
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham Street, London WC2 (071-867 1150). tomorrow, 8pm.

DANCE

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET. As part of Birmingham's Towards the Millennium festival, the company looks back to the 1930s, celebrating a decade of revolutionary choreography with the work of three pioneers. Ninette de Valois is represented by her 1931 masque, *Job*, while *The Green Table*, the Kurt Jooss ballet about *the futility of war, is back for* another viewing. Balanchine's glorious *Serenade*, set to Tchaikovsky's *Serenade for Strings*, receives its company premiere.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street, Birmingham (021-622 7486), Tues, Wed, 7.30pm, mat Wed, 2pm

SPRING LOADED. The Place Theatre's annual festival of British *independent dance is staging its* eighth — and biggest — season this year. For the next three months, new works will be shown by 40 companies. Works on offer this week are inspired by everything from Noh theatre, to Aids and the *paintings of Edward Hopper. Check* theatre for programme details.
The Place, Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031).

EXHIBITIONS

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MEDARDO ROSSO. Unlike his contemporary Rodin, with whom he was often compared, the Italian Rosso was essentially a miniaturist, often working in wax. The *medium enabled him to create* fleeting effects of light reminiscent of the Impressionist painters. This first important retrospective in Britain contains some 40 sculptures and 30 drawings.
Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whitechapel High Street, E1 (071-377 0107). Tues-Sun 11am-5pm (Wed to 8pm), opens Fri to Apr 24.

MUDANZAS: The title of this show, part of the Spanish Arts Festival, means "Changes" or "Relocations" Of the six artists, three of the women — Civera, *Gómez and Pelaez — paint*, sometimes building their paintings into installations. One of the men, Uslé, paints powerful abstracts: the other, Rom, recycles waste into bizarre, surrealistic sculptures. The fourth woman, *Valldosera, appears here as a* performance artist.
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PICASSO: SCULPTOR AND PAINTER: Harbinger of the Spanish Arts Festival in London, this show seeks a new perspective on Picasso by insisting on the *central importance of the sculptures* he made throughout most of his career. The painted sculptures are particularly emphasised.
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THE FINE ART AND ANTIQUES FAIR: Yet another new art fair, this time ranging from antique furniture and Old Master drawings to contemporary works and modern classics.
National Hall, Olympia, Hammersmith Road, W14 (071-370 8188). Today, 11am-6pm, tomorrow, 11am-5pm.

THE STUDY OF ITALIAN OLD MASTER DRAWINGS: The drawings themselves are fascinatingly diverse and full of wonders. But the show also introduces us to the world of connoisseurship and makes scholarship come alive. The peg for this is the career of Philip Pouncey, deputy *keeper of prints* and drawings at the British Museum for many years, and later a director of Sotheby's
British Museum, Great Russell Street, WC1 (071-636 1555). Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm. Sun, 2 30-6pm, until Apr 24.

CLAUDE — THE POETIC LANDSCAPE: This exhibition, of 28 paintings and more than 50 drawings, examines the importance of the classical and biblical stories behind Claude Lorrain's paintings.
National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, WC2 (071-839 3526) Mon-Sat, 10am-6pm (Wed to 8pm), Sun, 2-6pm, until Apr 10

THE UNKNOWN MODIGLIANI: Between 1906 and 1914, Modigliani's doctor and close friend Paul Alexandre saved every last fragment of preparatory drawing for his important paintings and sculptures of the time. Some of the drawings are famous, but *most of the collection has never* been publicly exhibited before.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, W1 (071-439 7438), daily, 10am-6pm, until Apr 4

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DRAWING ON THESE SHORES. On one level this show gives us a chance to see *ourselves as others see us, since its* deviser, Glenn Sujo, is a South American painter long resident in Britain. But Sujo's eye for inventive draughtsmanship is unerring, his taste splendidly catholic; and 20th-century British art *has seldom looked better* or more universal in its applications.
Wolsey Art Gallery, Christchurch Mansions, Christchurch Park, Ipswich (0473 253246). Tues-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2 30-4.30pm, until Mar 20.

GWEN AND FRED WHICKER. Though the work of these married artists showed close similarities in early days — both painted quiet and closely observed interiors — when they moved to Falmouth after the Second World War their styles diverged sharply. Gwen painted flowers in oils and enamelled on silver, while Fred went intermittently abstract and experimented with mixed media Two quiet careers (touchingly *recovered*.
Falmouth Art Gallery, Municipal Buildings, The Moor, Falmouth (0326 313863). Mon-Fri, 10am-4.30pm, Sat, 10am-1pm. opens Mon to Mar 19.

THE EDGE OF THE LAND: The first important commemoration of the life and work of Richard Eurich, this touring show gives a vivid impression of his versatility.
Southampton City Art Gallery, NorthGuild, Civic Centre, *Southampton* (0703 632 601). Tues-Fri, 10am-5pm (Thurs to 6pm), Sat, 10am-4pm, Sun, 2-5pm, until Mar 13.

FROM LEONARDO TO MANET: Since the last survey exhibition of acquisitions ten years ago, the National Gallery of Scotland has acquired more than 300 prints and drawings, including an original Rembrandt etched plate, a collection of fine Italian drawings from Holkham *Hall and Turner's great watercolour Bell Rock Lighthouse*. Fifty outstanding examples are on show, including also the brand-new purchase of an important drawing by Ingres, *The Dream of Ossian*.
National Gallery of Scotland, The Mount, Edinburgh (031-556 8921) Mon-Sat, 10am-5pm, Sun, 2-5pm, until Apr 17.

BOOKINGS

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NEW VIDEOS

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Jack Nicholson and Karen Black from *Five Easy Pieces*

IN THE LINE OF FIRE (Columbia TriStar, 15): Secret Service agent Clint Eastwood fights John Malkovich's psychopath and his own guilt in this sturdy mainstream thriller. Director, Wolfgang Petersen 1993.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING (Entertainment, PG) Fast-food Shakespeare from Kenneth Branagh, with rollicking actors and clearly-spoken verse, but little film finesse The mixed cast includes Emma Thompson, Denzel Washington and Michael Keaton. 1993.

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WORD-WATCHING

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CAPELLA
(c) Proper name of a star of the first magnitude in Auriga, from the Latin *capella* a she-goat: Sir Thomas Browne, *Christian Morals*, 1682: "The time might come when capella, a noble northern star, would have its motion in the aequator."

CORROBOREE
(c) The native dance of the Australian aborigines, it is held at night by moonlight or a bush fire, and is either of a festive or a warlike character, the native name of the now extinct language of Port Jackson, New South Wales, original pronunciation uncertain. J. Hunter, Port Jackson, 1793: "They very frequently, at the conclusion of the dance, would apply to us for marks of our approbation, which we never failed to give by often repeating the word *boojery*, good; or *boojery caribberie*, a good dance."

PROPODEON
(a) That part of the thorax, principally in *Hymenoptera*, which precedes and partly surrounds the petiole, originally the first abdominal segment, from the Greek prefix *pro-* in front of + *podeōn* the neck or mouth of a wineskin or of the bladder, hence any narrow end: "The fifth segment is the Propodeon, and is, of the whole thirteen, the most difficult to determine, because in orders of the same *class it appears* in different modes."

REEDING
(b) A small semicylindrical moulding, because it is supposed to look like a number of *reeds* laid together: F. Reinnell, *Carpenter's Companion*, 1854: "When reeding is introduced on flat surfaces, there should always be an odd number."

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Richard Morrison celebrates the late Leonard Bernstein, this month's CD Direct choice

Somewhere, a place for Leonard

Some unfortunate music-lovers never saw through the image. Which was their loss. To them, Leonard Bernstein was nothing more than an all-American show-off — brash, pushy, self-centred, a podium poseur *sans pareil* who used music outrageously as a vehicle for his own moods, and then choreographed himself into the centre of it.

Well, he certainly had a knack for grabbing attention. Sometimes he grasped the baton in both hands and flailed it around his head like a mad axeman. Or, at the climax of a traumatic Mahlerian movement, both of his feet might leave the ground in a wild leap. That still happened quite late in life, when booze and fags and many other things had turned his body into a burnt-out rocket.

During the course of a single symphony his famously craggy features could mirror all of the music's changing emotions. They might stiffen into exultation, then suddenly crumble like a kid whose toy had been taken away. Bernstein even shed the occasional manly tear, which would be ostentatiously dried with a red handkerchief. Then, in the final few bars of some huge finale, his back would arch

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triumphantly, like a runner hitting the finishing tape.

It was great entertainment, but was that all? This was the question raised by his detractors. And there was another. Oddly, the sheer protean variety of Bernstein's talents was often used as evidence against his stature as a "serious conductor". How could a man who also doubled, no, trebled or quadrupled, as a Broadway tunesmith, who had ambitions to emulate Mahler as a composer of angst-ridden symphonies, who was a mesmerising pianist, who wrote music-appreciation books that sold in thousands, and who was a television performer of true charisma — how could this jack-of-all-trades be the maestro of one?

The answer is that Bernstein succeeded because he was never false to his own nature, no matter how varied the outlets through which he channelled his energies (his love life was no less all-embracing).

A slighter personality would not have got away with the liberties he took in performance. But Bernstein's character had a fascinating complexity and depth, and something else as well. Beneath the exhibitionist exterior dwelt a tortured soul.

In private there is no doubt that Bernstein suffered greatly, particularly after the death of his wife from cancer in 1978. Much of his vast knowledge of literature was acquired in the insomniac hours before each dawn. And when he came to conduct — and particularly when he interpreted the late Romantic masterpieces that are featured in our selection from his vast recorded repertoire — all defences and pretences were cast aside. He poured his anguish into them, and it is a tribute to his compelling stature as a musician that most listeners and players were mesmerised into making extraordinary spiritual journeys with him.

It was not just anguish that he expressed, of course. Nobody could rampage through a presto finale more joyously than Bernstein, or communicate more tenderness in a single, audaciously elongated piece of sensuous phrasing. Once, after observing him cajoling, terrorising and utterly bewitching a group of young conductors at a masterclass, I asked him what he could teach about conducting. "Technique is communication: the two words are synonymous in conducting," he replied. He certainly lived by that rule.

But there was another rule, more important. He radiated a love that was sometimes naïve or misplaced (the journalist Tom Wolfe coined the derisive label "radical chic" to ridicule Bernstein's espousal of the Black Panthers), but never grudging or insincere.

Whether taking the Israel Philharmonic into the war-zones of the Sinai Desert to play Mozart, or leading the New York Philharmonic in a concert for 130,000 people in Central Park, or conducting Beethoven's Ninth to celebrate the breaching of the Berlin Wall, Bernstein became more than just a musical figure: he seemed like a beacon in a dark and loveless century.

There was never a "routine" Bernstein performance, nor one that was free of exaggeration. Yet somehow the description "self-indulgent" never seemed apt. To complain that Bernstein used Mahler as a vehicle upon which to work out his personal traumas is as pointless as complaining that Shakespeare rewrote English history for his own dramatic ends. Yes, both men are guilty as charged. So what? The world has quite enough dullards capable of checking facts and playing things by the book. Shakespeares and Bernsteins we need more of.

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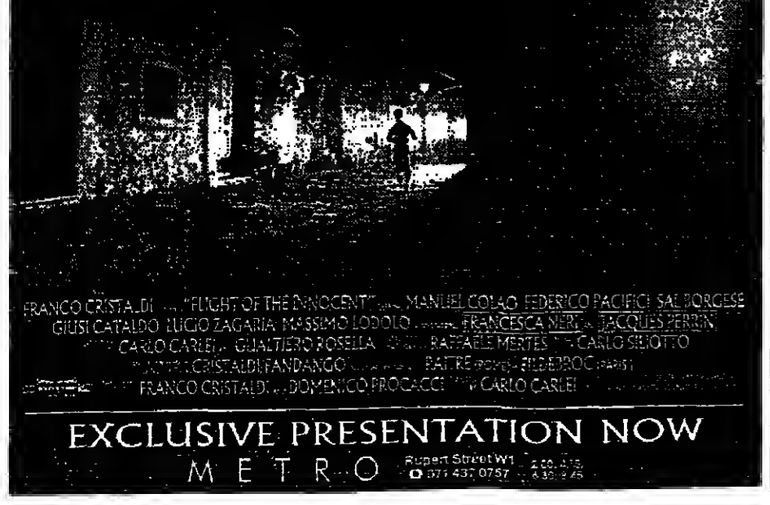

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THEATRE

Players lose way on a bigger stage

The New Menoza
Gate, Notting Hill

IF A thing is working well, don't tinker with it. Thus spake the elders of the tribe and their warnings have a universal application. This well-loved theatre, for instance. Until last year, squeezed in to a couple of rooms above the Prince Albert pub, the old stage was minute, the audience walked through the set to reach the seats, and 65 was the maximum the theatre could hold. Backstage conditions were grim.

Hey presto! In the new Gate seating and stage have swapped places, both have doubled in size and I am told that behind the scenes much has improved. At the same time, the capacity to mount thrilling productions has gone up the creek.

The current season of four plays is given the banal title *It's A Funny Old World* and the more sensible subtitle "The Age of Un-Reason". The four have been chosen to illustrate how 18th-century authors fretted at the seeming certainties of their time, floating new ideas that were harbingers of the French Revolution. It all sounds good stuff, but the later plays will have to prove sturdier than the first if the season is to be a success.

We never learn who or what Menoza is, but the author, Jakob Lenz, apparently lifted his title from a Danish novel, so that's all right. An Oriental prince has come to Europe to study its ways — a popular formula among authors of that time, enabling them to criticise their own society through the eyes of an outsider. A little culture shock occurs, but Prince Tandi is a dull stick, quite unsuitable to act as a probe for exploring the quaint customs of Saxony. Peter Lindford plays him dully too.

The Prince marries the daughter of his host, a mulberry farmer, only to discover that his new wife is his long-lost sister. Horror. Meanwhile, a Spanish count is fleeing from his murderous countess, and her unleashed passions, not to mention the infants switched at birth, are said to play with the stock situations of contemporary drama. Lacking knowledge of these, the development becomes a complicated mess. By the time we reach the masked ball, where one character is being strangled, two are stabbed and another is seriously hanged, the staging is in tatters.

A white wall curves across the set, reducing the acting space to no great benefit. Yet several performers rise high above the shortcomings of David Fielding's production. Deborah Findlay's ferocious Spanish accent hinders comprehension, but her ungovernable fury is amusing. Barbara Lott as her sorely tried Nurse makes much of little, but the performance that really works, both honouring the play and delightful to watch, is Tristram Jellinek as the mulberry farmer, Herr von Biederling. Clipped, benign, sentimental, absurd, supplied by the translator (Meredith Oakes) with an array of conversational tics, he is the Age of Reason personified and justified.

JEREMY KINGSTON

CONCERT

Mahler's symphony of sublime desires

PO/Levine
Festival Hall

JAMES LEVINE had not conducted a British orchestra in this country for 15 years, though he has recently been here with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. He must have been pleased by what he found, an orchestra ready to scale the peaks of Mahler's Third Symphony without, perhaps, the smooth reliability of the Viennese but with a genuine sense of adventure in this epic work whose subjects are nature, self-fulfilment and sublime transformation. The concert had an added poignancy, for it was dedicated to the memory of Levine's father, who died last week.

From the blast of the eight horns which heralds the sprawling chaos of the massive first movement, it was clear that Levine was not aiming for polished spectacle, nor for exaggerated neurosis. Instead this was a reading that came as much from the earth itself as from the heart. But he allowed us to gape in awe at the abysses of the first movement (a splendid contribution here from the solo trombone of Dudley Bright), while we wondered with renewed innocence at the mountain flowers of the second movement and the forest creatures of the third.

After this point, the symphony lifts itself onto a spiritually higher plane, first with the heart-rending, nocturnal Nietzschean setting, "O Mensch, gib Acht!", ten lines that encapsulate humanity's eternally unsatisfiable desires. Christa Ludwig was as warm a presence and a voice as ever. Ludwig, the women of the Philharmonia Chorus and the New London Children's Choir provided bright, angelic tones for the fifth movement, the Wunderhorn setting.

In the vast, final Adagio, which Levine took very, very slowly indeed, the string players deserved praise for their discipline and maintenance of shape, as did the principal trumpet, Mark David, for his coolly sustained high ootes.

STEPHEN PETTITT

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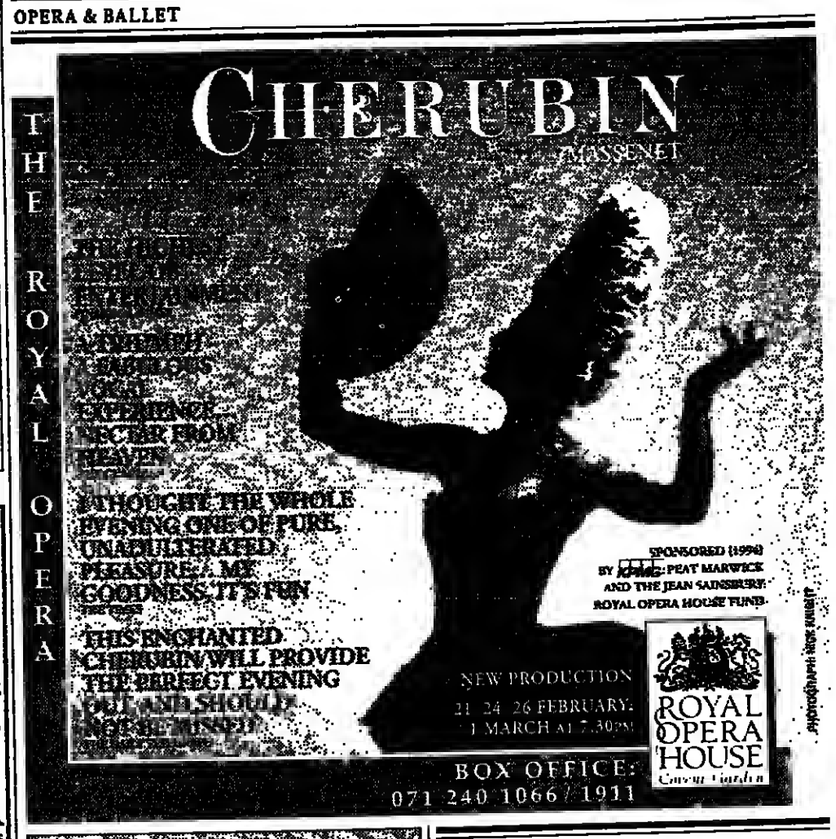

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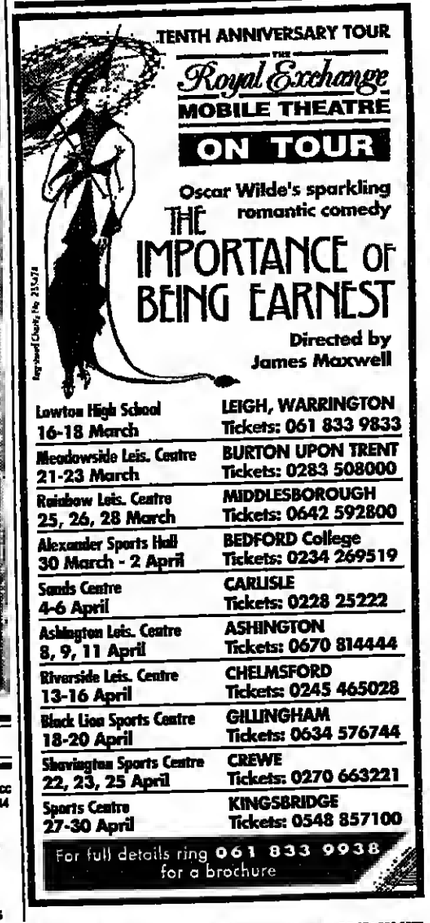

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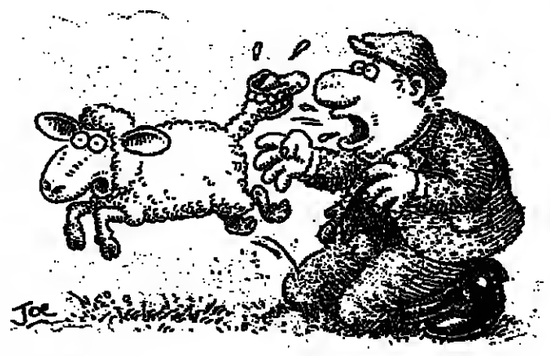
Like most shepherds, I make a practice of shortening the lambs' tails shortly after they are born. The theory goes that a short tail cannot get soiled and attract the wicked blowflies in the summer. Provided enough tail is left to cover the essendals, it is a practice which can only result in healthier sheep. Traditionalist though I am, I do not resort to the age-old practice of shortening them with my teeth. It used to be common to assess the suitability of a potential shepherd by first examining his mouth. If he was like an old ewe and broken-toothed, he could not perform this vital task of docking, nor of castration, which was carried out in a similar manner, so he did not get the job.

Willing though I am to get my teeth into most farm tasks, thet one I can do without. I use a little rubber ring instead, and the surplus length of tail usually drops off within a week and seems to cause the lamb little discomfort. However, I have to admit that the lamb does wriggle momentarily when it is first applied and since I provide *them* with e little sting in their tail, it is only fair that the flock should ensure that I have one too. This they have done.

Or at least one little lamb has. Like its fellows, h was growing fast, fed by e rich flow of milk from its mother. There comes a stage, when the lambs are about three weeks old, when they are so fit and vital that if they were to form a rugby club, the scrums would be a formidable sight. It is at this age that they are demanding most milk from their mothers, so you suddenly find you have a flock of hooligans on the one hand, and ever-hungry, milked-out ewes on the other. But I don't mind. It means lambing is over, and there is all to look forward to. Except for this one lamb.

One morning, for no reason I could think of, it could not get to its feet: or, to be strictly accurate, it could not get to its hind feet. The front ones worked fine, it simply hed to sit upright like a dog, unable to move other than by shuffling, which technique it soon mastered. My first concern was that it should be able to feed, for without regular milk it would quickly die. We penned ewe and lamb together, and just to be certain it was not short of nourishment, we gave h a hearty feed from a bottle. This we need not have done, for mother and daughter quickly came to some arrangement whereby the ewe stationed herself in such a position that the lamb could just lift its head and, by great good fortune, find a teat dangling there. Not that the ewe was always so obliging, and on occasions the lamb had to grab for what it could get as its mother charged by; but it never went without a meal. I discussed it with the vet and since the animal was thriving and in no pain with no obvious broken bones or dislocations, we decided to let it be for another day.



Six days later, it was even fatter, feeding furiously but refusing to rise from its doggy sit, and so we put it in the front seat of the car in a box, and drove it to the vet. It seemed to enjoy the journey, peering out of the window. In a vet's surgery usually brimming with dogs, cats and budgies, h won many hearts, especially my wife's whose sleeve it nibbled beguilingly as it sat waiting to see the doctor. An Australian vet was on duty that day and with that natural antipodean instinct for sheep, she suspected a spinal infection that might respond to a jab.

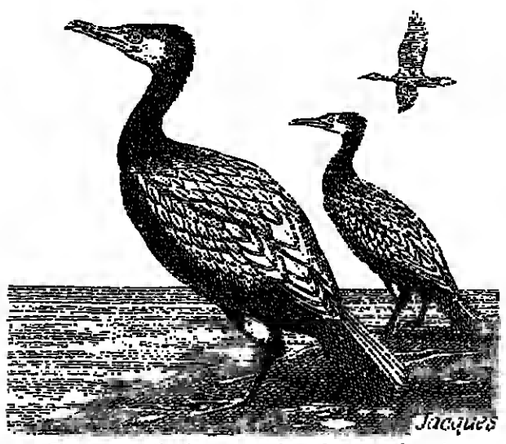
A miracle ensued. Within a few hours, the lamb was up, prancing, leaping, cavorting to such an extent that I was hardly able to catch it to give it the second necessary jab.

It soon joined its mates and headed for the corner of the yard where I have set up a narrow-entranced enclosure into which only the older lambs can get. Here I give them extra solid feed in order, I am afraid to say, that they should fatten that bit more quickly than they otherwise would. Spring is coming and the customers will be wanting something to go with the mint sauce.

As the little lamb found its legs and joined them at the trough, I paused to consider for a moment what a crazy business this farming is. We rejoice at the miracle of the one who could take up his bed and walk, while at the same time making plans for the last supper.

Lambs have short lives; we must make sure they are happy ones.

Feather report



Cormorants look spectacular whatever they do

Black stars move inland

ONE of the most remarkable bird sights in Britain is a line of cormorants standing with their wings hanging out to dry. They tilt their heads back so that their long, hooked beaks are pointing upwards, and hold their wings open like heraldic emblems.

They spend much of their life diving to the bottom of a lake or a bay, and pursuing fish down there with powerful thrusts of their webbed feet. But after a few sessions of that, they need to perch on a rock or a log and dry out, because their feathers are not entirely waterproof.

Actually, cormorants look spectacular whatever they do. Sometimes they float along with their whole body submerged, and just their dragon-like head, with a blazing green eye, poking above the surface of the water. When they fly high overhead, neck stretched out, they look like big black stars whizzing through the air. They will also land in high places. A few years ago, when Canary Wharf was being built in the London Docklands, you could see them balancing on the tops of the tallest cranes.

Their presence there reflects the way in which, like gulls, they have become inland birds in winter. Most of the 7,000 or so pairs that nest in Britain are to be found in summer on the cliffs along the west coast; but nowadays, in winter, they spread right across the country and can be found even on quite small lakes. You turn a bend and see two or three of them sitting on the branches of a dead tree at the lakeside.

Even more remarkably, in the past 15 years they have started to breed inland. On the Continent they are common tree-nesters. Now they are turning to trees in Britain. There is a substantial colony at Abberton reservoir in Essex.

At first it was thought these might be immigrants from Holland or Denmark, but they seem after all to be British birds that have just learnt new tricks.

On the coast, they usually stay close to the shore, although they will fly out to the oil platforms. They nest on the lower cliff ledges, with guillemots and razorbills above them.

The only bird like them is their smaller relative, the shag, but in summer they are quite easy to distinguish. The cormorant has a white throat and a white patch on its thigh, while the shag is pure black with a green gloss, and has a little crest on its head.

Cormorants are hated on fish ferms, but they probably do more harm to trout than to any other fish. In China, their skills have been turned to good account. They are sent fishing on long chains, and when they surface their prey is taken from them.

It is said that on every tenth dive they are customarily allowed to swim free — and that if, after nine dives, they are not released, they refuse to go down again.

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Mysteries of the round towers

The origins of East Anglia's churches remain an enigma

Once upon a time, so the story goes, the land all over East Anglia sank, but the well shafts, for some curious reason, were left standing. Ever resourceful, the Christian people of the area built churches on to them. The flint-built structures are still there — attached to more than 162 ancient churches dotted all over Norfolk and Suffolk.

For nearly 30 years, Bill Goode, a retired pork butcher, has tussled with the questions posed by these round-tower churches. He estimates that, before he gave up his trusty Volkswagen Beetle two years ago, he had travelled 70,000 miles, with ladder on roof rack and measuring tapes at the ready, delving into the architectural history of these fascinating buildings.

As well as to Norfolk and his native Suffolk, his travels took him to Berkshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, and Sussex, where another 13 round-tower churches can be found. Now aged 81, he has visited all 175 complete round-tower churches in England — many of them more than once — and has examined all but a handful in minute detail.

The churches are often small and tucked away at the end of winding lanes, marking the site of long-vanished communities. Their towers are rarely more than 40ft tall, often barely visible among the surrounding vegetation — particularly in the lush summer months.

In June, Mr Goode is expected to ruffle e few academic feathers when he delivers a lecture in Norwich to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the Round Tower Churches Society, which he founded and of which he is life president.

He promises e few surprises, not least over the dates of the original church buildings, some of which he now believes date from early in the 8th century — a far earlier date than many other experts put on them.

But before then he has some celebrating to do. Next month e new edition of his book, *Round Tower Churches of South East England*, will be published — quite an achievement for a man who left school at 14 and only became interested in the subject at 52.

Many guide books to be found in round-tower churches will tell you that the towers came first — built as watchtowers or for defensive purposes — and the churches followed.

Mr Goode disputes this. "Many of the towers are so low that they could not possibly have served as watchtowers," he said. "The idea that they were built for defensive purposes is ebout as far-fetched as the well theory."

He also contends that in nearly all cases the church came first, and the tower came later, often to house bells, but also for storage or adornment.

But why round towers in the first place? And why nearly always in the east of the country, and even then mainly in well defined clusters, such as the group in the Waveney valley near Lowestoft and the marked concentrations around Cromer and some of the coastal villages in north Norfolk?

"There was virtually no good building stone in Norfolk or Suffolk — nor indeed in any of the areas where you still find round-tower churches," Mr Goode seys. "So the builders had to use flints from the fields and stones from the seashore and build the towers round, as there was no good dressed stone to build strong corners.

"The churches are found in clusters because originally they were built in huge numbers — perhaps as many as 1,000 in the areas we now call Norfolk and Suffolk.

"Those clusters that have survived are mainly in the rural areas because when villages grew into towns the church was often rebuilt in the latest fashion and the round tower disappeared."

Such explanations would be accepted by most experts. But when it comes to his theories on the ages of the round-tower churches, Mr Goode stirs up controversy. "My studies show that more than 90 per cent of East Anglian round-tower churches are from before 1066," he says. "Some naves and chancels date from the early 8th century."

To back up his theories, he took me on a tour of some of the round-tower churches in villages near Lowestoft. At the isolated little thatched church of St Mary's Ashby, standing alone in fields on the site of a deserted village, he pointed out early brick and flint work almost buried at the base of later dressed stone at one corner of the building. A minute detail, but a sure sign, according to Mr Goode, that the building is of Saxon, not Norman, origin.

"Some people say the idea of round towers attached to churches was borrowed from the north of Germany. But I understand that there are fewer than a dozen examples there," he says.

"My view is that after the Saxons settled in this part of England and built their flint and rubble churches with round towers, groups of them returned across the North Sea and copied the style over there. So the round towers of Schleswig are later than our East Anglian ones."

Nowadays Mr Goode will gladly accept a lift from enthusiasts offering to drive him on e tour of round-tower churches. In the summer he assists with guided tours run by the society on Saturday afternoons. However, most of his time is spent exhorting the 350 members of the society to help with restoration grants, and lobbying conservation bodies such as English Heritage on behalf of the churches most in need of maintenance.

"The main problem is that people do not realise how old and precious these groups of churches are," he says. "Many of them are maintained by a handful of elderly people in tiny communities. We must do all we can to ensure they are recognised as the gems they are and kept in the condition they deserve."

CLIVE FEWINS

● *For details of the Round Tower Churches Society and its 21st anniversary programme write to: The Secretary, Round Tower Churches Society, Crabbe Hall, Burnham Market, Norfolk PE31 8EN.*

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Bill Goode, 81, outside the round-tower church of Gunton St Peter, near Lowestoft — "The round towers of Schleswig are later than our East Anglian ones"

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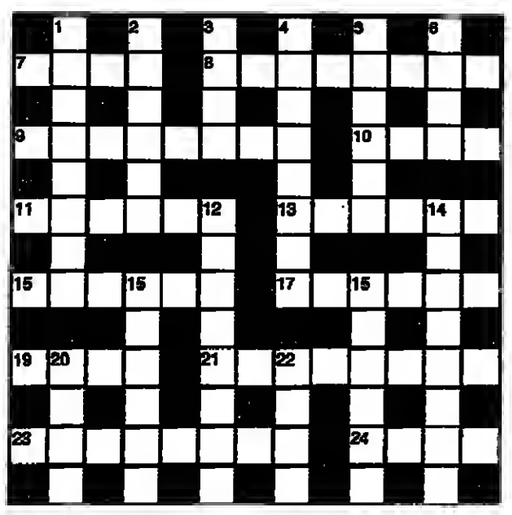

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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 93

ACROSS
7 East European or Russian (4)
8 Abuse (3-5)
9 With turbulent intensity (8)
10 Predicament (4)
11 Summer-house (6)
13 Temper with heat (6)
15 Mark of disgrace (6)
17 East Indian seaman (6)
19 Handle roughly (4)
21 Out of date (8)
23 Obsession (4,4)
24 Pout (4)

DOWN
1 One attempting to establish a right (8)
2 Opposed (6)
3 Boggy ground (4)
4 Cooperate (4,4)
5 Ragamuffin (6)
6 King of Israel before David (4)
12 Sacred (unstaged) musical drama (8)
14 Spiny shrub: decoration for Corinthian capital (8)
16 Thinly covered with gold (6)
18 Thinly-sliced seasoned sausage (6)
20 Verdi opera set in Egypt (4)
22 Spotted (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 92

ACROSS: 1 Grizzly 5 Bear 8 Corner 9 Placid 10 Befuddle 12 Mace 13 Party line 17 Gaga 18 Mesmeric 20 Blonde 21 Addict 23 Swot 24 Meander

DOWN: 2 Rhodes 3 Zen 4 Lurid 5 Beau monde 6 Apiece 7 Appeal 11 Up against 14 Timber 15 Fallow 16 Miscue 19 Spate 22 Den

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Today's position is from the game Rev - Bitsyev, Mallorca 1992. In this position, White spotted the chance for a brilliant finish, based on the theme of interference. What was the critical first move of his combination? Send your answers on a postcard to: *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday will win a British Chess Magazine book. The answer will be published next Saturday. Solution to last Saturday's competition: 1 Qxh6.

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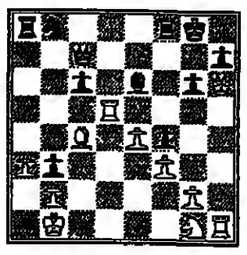

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

CAPELLA
a. A Venetian lady's carnival cap
b. A bone in the pelvis
c. A star

CORROBOREE
a. A witness who corroborates
b. A wild vine
c. An Australian dance

PROPODEON
a. Bit of the thorax
b. The foot of a column
c. Front row in amphitheatre

REEDING
a. Prophecying
b. A semicylindrical moulding
c. Minatory

Answers on page 15